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U. S. TO SHIFT PANAMA TROOPS TO CANAL ZONE

State Department Maps Program as Republic Drops Pact on Bases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—United States troops assigned to the defense of the Panama canal will be pulled back within the canal zone proper following Panama's rejection of an agreement covering the lease of 14 strategic sites in that republic's territory—the State department announced today.

The announcement made late today upset earlier predictions by United States officials that this country would go on using the 14 sites including a B29 bomber base at Rio Hato, 70 miles from Panama city.

The lease agreement concluded by diplomats two weeks ago, was turned down 51 to 0 yesterday by the Panamanian legislature.

"In accordance with all statements made to the Panamanian government in the course of the negotiations, the necessary steps will be taken immediately with a view to the evacuation of all sites in the Republic of Panama outside the canal zone where United States armed forces are now stationed," the State department said.

"This withdrawal will be completed as quickly as possible consistent with the number of personnel and the amount of material involved."

The Army announced tonight it will begin withdrawal of its forces from the Panamanian territory immediately. It estimated that no more than 2000 Ground and Air Force troops are stationed at the 14 sites.

The Rio Hato bomber base is considered the most important of the installations. The other 13 are mainly fighter strips and radar stations built as part of the close-in defenses of the canal.

After the Panamanian assembly's vote was known but before the State department announced the forthcoming evacuation of the bases, members of Congress proposed that the United States draw up plans for a new Atlantic-Pacific canal, perhaps across Nicaragua.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif) said he will introduce legislation as soon as Congress reconvenes to authorize a survey for a sea-level canal. Rep Engel (R-Mich) said thought should be given to a new canal "outside Panama."

Government officials originally had forecast that the 14 sites would be kept in use, under the contention that the wartime agreement under which they were put into service is still in effect. They contended that the 1942 agreement was effective until one year after the final peace treaty with Japan, but Panamanian officials disagreed.

The ten-mile wide canal zone proper, controlled by the U. S., under a perpetual grant and for which Panama is paid $400,000 a year, is not involved in the dispute. Outlying strong points, located on Panama's own soil, are the issue.

Weatherman Gets Rebuff by Winter

Winter was only a pup in his second day of life yesterday but he didn't lack for nerve. He showed the weatherman who was boss.

Charles S. Ling, Reading weather bureau chief, who attended the infant's birth and baptism the day before, had spread it around that whereas, yes, it was a nice looking kid, still it wouldn't snow before Christmas.

Charging out of his christening dress yesterday, Winter, now the mighty mite, laid down two blankets of snow in scornful defiance.

The first light fall sifted down at 4 45 a. m., lasting only a short time but greasing roads and making early morning driving hazardous. It had melted by 9 a. m.

In less than four hours, rain, later mixing with sluggish flakes of snow, began descending and by 1 p. m. turned into straight 100 proof snow which fell steadily for two hours.

The mercury was resting up for the holidays and only moved a few degrees from the high '30s to 40.

The weatherman held out hope that what snow there is on the ground might remain there as he forecast cold, cloudy and windy for today and fair and warmer for the great day tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Mostly cloudy, cold and rather windy today. Somewhat colder tonight. Generally fair tomorrow followed by warmer in the afternoon.

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TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were.

4 a. m.	37	4 p. m.	37
5 a. m.	37	5 p. m.	37
6 a. m.	36	6 p. m.	37
7 a. m.	36	7 p. m.	37
8 a. m.	36	8 p. m.	35
9 a. m.	37	9 p. m.	34
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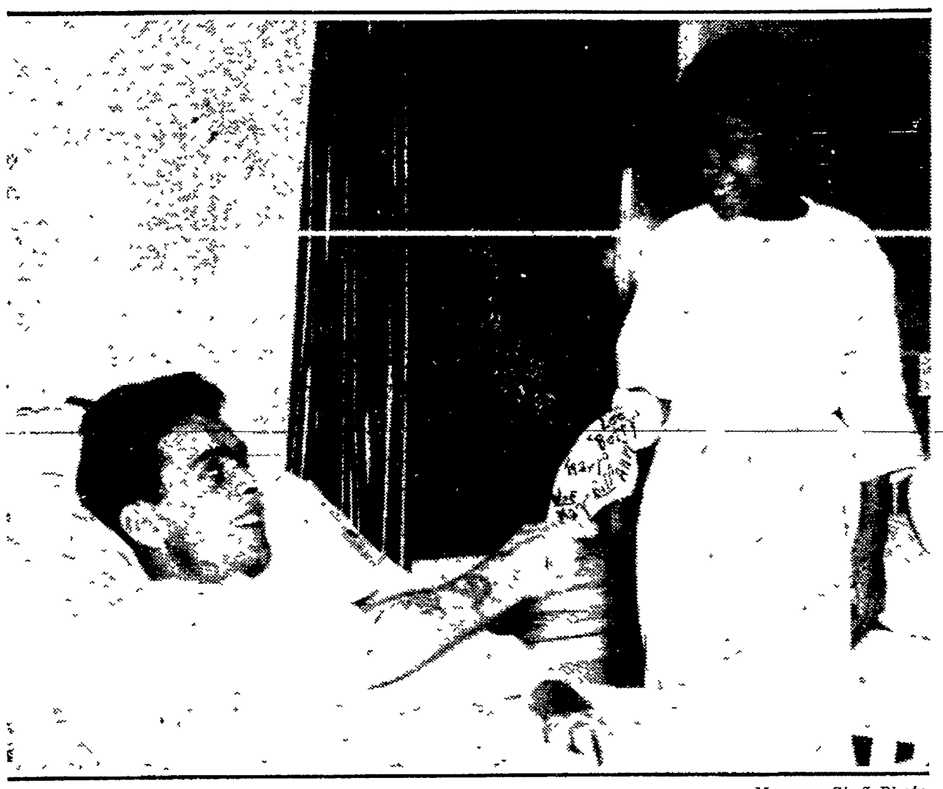
Going Home for Christmas—Lucky Boy!



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Both can smile, though one won't be home for Christmas. LeRoy Banks, 8, son of Mr and Mrs. Clifford Banks, Pottstown RD 4, says goodbye to Vernon Kellen, 24, Royersford, in Memorial hospital. LeRoy's hand was crushed by a gravel car while playing in a pit near his home Nov 11. His arm in a cast, he left for home yesterday afternoon. Kellen, who sustained a broken pelvis and elbow in an Oct 16 auto crash, must stay a while longer. His holiday in the hospital will be brightened, however, by carols, turkey, trees and gifts. Those are autographs on LeRoy's cast.

FRENCH FORCE BOND PURCHASES

Bill to Reduce Surplus Buying Power Passes In National Assembly

PARIS, Dec 23 (AP)—The national assembly, approving an important section of the new French "austerity program," tonight enacted a bill requiring Frenchmen to purchase 130,000,000,000 francs ($1,092,000,000) worth of government bonds or pay the same amount in taxes.

The bill is designed to drain off surplus purchasing power.

The deputies approved the bill by a 300 to 268 vote. There were 35 abstentions. The sum raised by the measure will be used entirely for reconstruction. The sliding-scale levy will be made against taxpayers with annual incomes over 450,000 francs ($3780).

Originally the loan was designed to produce 160,000,000,000 francs ($1,340,000,000). Over government objections amendments were approved exempting farmers, large families, small businessmen and persons whose property was damaged in the war.

Under the plans of Finance Minister Rene Mayer the rest of the 230,000,000,000 franc ($1,930,000,000) extraordinary budget will be covered by aid from the United States.

The assembly then voted, 351 to 189, to authorize the government to issue special three percent bonds redeemable within ten years.

The bonds will be issued in three installments—the first series from Jan 15, 1948, to Feb 14, 1948. Taxpayers liable to the provisions of the forced loan will have the option of purchasing bonds on these issues or paying a tax of an equal amount.

The assembly also approved an amendment eliminating the positions of 150 000 public jobholders. The Communists voted against it. This amendment was offered by former Finance Minister Rene Pleven, who said the present figure of about 1,000,000 civil servants should be reduced to the 1938 level of 750 000. Most of the jobs to be eliminated are in the great nationalized industries like the power network.

Bright Holiday Prepared For Hospitals' Patients

Even the stork is co-operating as Pottstown's two hospitals are planning for a Christmas with plenty of decorations, carols, turkey and gifts, but few patients.

Doctors are deferring non-essential surgery and diagnostic work and sending home as many patients as possible. There will be about 70 patients left in the two hospitals tomorrow, half of normal.

The only thing out of the institutions' control are maternity and emergency cases. And in the past five days, exactly five babies have been born, little more than a normal daily average.

For the few patients forced to remain, the nurses and the various women's auxiliaries have decorated every room, strung lights at the entrances and placed trees in all the main offices and hallways. There is even a tree in the waiting room of Memorial maternity ward, so waiting fathers can keep in touch with the Yuletide.

Memorial hospital had its gift exchange and party for nurses Monday night and Pottstown had its last night. At Pottstown hospital, the half of the nurses who worked Thanksgiving will be off Christmas, though a slightly smaller number will have the holiday at Memorial.

Christmas carolers from Pottstown churches and Sunday schools have appeared regularly to brighten the patients' holiday. And at both hospitals student nurses will sing tomorrow, especially to Lawrence Brennan at Pottstown hospital, who will be far away from his Shamokin home for the second Christmas as the result of an industrial accident, and to Vernon Kellen, 24, Royersford, at Memorial, who hoped to be home by Christmas, but will have to recover more from a broken pelvis sustained in an October auto accident.

Menus at both hospitals will feature turkey, cranberry sauce and all the other fixings. At dinnertime, Pottstown hospital expects another visit from the elderly panhandler who arrives periodically with toothbrush in back pocket and any one of a

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Arab Bullets Interrupt Funeral In Jerusalem; Traffic Blocked

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (AP) — Arab bullets whistled through an ancient cemetery on the Mount of Olives today forcing members of a Jewish funeral procession to dive for cover and then to make their way to safety behind protective fire from police.

Arab sharpshooters, in this and other attacks, virtualy paralyzed highway traffic in food-short Palestine, and twice raided freight trains. A Swedish journalist and eight Jews were wounded when a road convoy was raked with fire near Bad El Wad on the road from Lydda airfield to Jerusalem.

Associated Press Correspondent James L. Long was a passenger in this convoy which twice tried to get to Jerusalem and had to turn back. Long, who narrowly escaped being hit during the fighting, still was isolated at Lydda tonight.

The Swede identified as Harald Hagg, had arrived in Palestine last night. He was removed to a military hospital at Bir Yaakov where attendants said his condition was dangerous. (A Stockholm dispatch identified him as an artist assigned to Palestine by a news agency a week ago.)

In all, the Arabs made four attacks on convoys speeding along the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. British troops swung into action to break the Arab seige of the highway. The Arabs were said to be led by a man wearing a green sweater and a green stocking cap.

Communal fighting flared again in the old walled city of Jerusalem, usually the scene this time of year of Christmas celebration preparations.

The funerals disturbed by Arab firing were for Robert Clive Stern, British-born Jewish employe of the public information office who was shot in a Jerusalem street, and a Jewish major of the Trans-Jordan frontier force who died of appendicitis.

President Truman to Light Christmas Tree Today

WASHINGTON, Dec 23 (AP)—President Truman will light the nation's Christmas tree at 5 16 p. m., tomorrow, and immediately thereafter will broadcast his annual greetings to the nation.

A crowd of 20 000 is expected to attend the tree lighting on the White House grounds.

Jailed Nazis to Participate In Yule Services in Prison

BERLIN, Dec 23 (AP)—One of the smallest, bleakest Christmas Eve religious services anywhere will be held tomorrow for seven men in Berlin's grim Spandau prison.

Their names are Rudolf Hess, Karl Doenitz, Erich Raeder, Constantin von Neurath, Albert Speer, Baldur von Schirach and Walter Funk.

They are the survivors of the 19 major Nazi war criminals convicted at Neurnberg by an international military tribunal in October, 1946, and are serving sentences ranging from ten years to life.

For the former Nazi leaders this is the first Christmas in the four-power administered Spandau prison where they are the only prisoners. Usually they are in semi-solitary confinement, but they are allowed to communicate in their work and to gather for religious services.

Tomorrow they will meet in the prison room which serves as a chapel and be addressed by the regular prison chaplain. There will be carol singing but no tree.

"Our austerity rules forbid a tree or any festive trimmings," a member of the prison directorate said. Gifts? Yes there will be a few because relatives are allowed to send the prisoners mail and some comforts. These are mainly toilet articles because the prison diet forbids extra food parcels."

A prison authority said all seven are in moderately good health.

"Their work is mostly around the prison yard where they have a garden plot to tend," he said. "They now are laying things in for their Spring plantings."

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Candlelight Rites to Mark Nativity in Local Churches

In shadowy, candle-lit churches fragrant with the smell of fir and pine choristers and congregations will gather tonight and at dawn tomorrow to raise their voices once again in homage to the birth of Christ.

And the chilled frosty streets will echo softly the carols sung by choruses from the YMCA and choirs from the churches as they bring Christmas close to the hearts of shut-ins at home and in the hospitals.

The Pottstown band and the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company band once familiar sights on Christmas Eve will not play their Christmas music in the streets this year. It is the first time in more than 30 years that the Pottstown band has not given its prompted concerts. The Philadelphia Fire company band last played in 1941 when it was disbanded because of the war.

Caroling began Monday afternoon when the junior choir of Transfiguration Lutheran church, under the direction of Mrs. Harold B. Keim, sang for the patients at Pottstown hospital.

Those who sang were Donna Jean Love, Barbara Feroe, Dorie Mae Feroe, Susanne Stamm, Joan Seidel, Dawn Brownback, Marjorie Hampton, Barbara Flaherty, Gail Hurter, John Scheffey, Bruce Bauer, William Fryer, William Kramer, Melvin Endy, Paul Moyer, Richard Seidel, Lowell Hurter, and Tebbie Feroe.

At 7 o'clock this afternoon the Junior Descant and Boys' choirs of Emmanuel Lutheran church will begin caroling for the shut-in members of the congregation. They will be followed by the Senior and Chapel choirs who will carol at the hospitals at 7 o'clock.

The Luther league members of the church also will sing for members of the congregation unable to attend services. They will start their tour at 8 o'clock.

Under the auspices of the YMCA extension division, a group of carolers will meet at

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NEEDY FAMILIES TO BE CHEERED

Salvation Army Sends Christmas Dinners to 30 Homes: Tots Get Toys

More than 30 Pottstown families, in need because of misfortune or accident, the children suffering through no fault of their own, will have received Christmas dinners through the Salvation Army before this Christmas Eve is past.

In addition, dozens of toys will have been distributed and 150 new garments will have been given to persons who need them most, in the Salvation Army's sixth Yuletide presentation here.

"No matter why the family is in distress," explained Captain Meral Cox, "the children are the ones who suffer, and we have to help them."

In addition to the dinner baskets, the Salvation Army will distribute five-pound quarters of turkeys to eight families, the gift of Sopho Xanthopoulous, of the Embassy restaurant.

Three complete sets of clothing were donated to the Salvation Army this year, destined for designated children, and both individuals and stores have given toys, most of them new, to gladden the hearts of Pottstown's less fortunate youngsters.

The toys were arranged in the Salvation Army's citadel at 268 King street and yesterday many parents came to choose playthings for their boys and girls.

"The demand is greater than ever this year," declared Captain Cox, who could explain the need only by the fact that many more families have been hurt by misfortune than in previous years.

Distribution of the food, clothing and toys has been underway for three days, but all donations will be completed in time for the Christmas celebrations tomorrow.

On Sunday the Salvation Army will have a Christmas party in the citadel for children of its three Sunday schools situated on King street and at Penn Village and Hilldale.

The party, to be held at 7 p. m. will feature feats of magic by the Rev. George H. Seidel, pastor of the Trinity Evangelical Congregational church of Royersford.

In addition, Captain Cox promised, the children will receive presents from Santa Claus.

Reading State Police Plan New Headquarters

READING, Dec 23 (AP)—Troop C, Pennsylvania State police hope to move into a new $250 000 headquarters sometime next year. Capt. Edwin C. Griffith, troop commander, said today in announcing that bids for its construction will be asked early in 1948. The barracks is now located in West Reading.

Yuletide 'Miracle' Floods Dalgleish Home With Joy

THE Dalgleishs weren't going to have a Christmas tree this year.

Everything had gone wrong. Hard luck just piled up until it seemed there just wasn't another bit of misfortune that could further sadden their lives.

Other years, it's true, had produced their share of troubles. Any married couple of 30 years that had reared a family of five children was bound to have its setbacks.

But this year — well, the bottom just dropped out.

Mother Dalgleish became ill in August. She needed an operation. That meant she'd have to quit her job.

What, then, would become of Nancy?

Nancy was the youngest child. A spastic, Nancy was helpless from birth. Now going on 17, Nancy was in a Philadelphia hospital. Rehabilitation was promised. It cost fabulous sums to meet the specialists' fees but Mother Dalgleish felt she could work that second shift and earn money for her helpless daughter.

Then the illness. And the operation. And five months without a job and no pay coming in. Nancy running up big bills in the hospital.

The world was black.

No wonder the Dalgleishs weren't going to have a tree this Christmas.

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But a tall long-needled pine fills a corner of the Dalgleish living room at 49 East Main street, South Pottstown, this morning.

Bright strings of gay red and green and blue lights cast cheery shadows on the wall. Christmas balls of varied hue brighten the room. There's tinsel, too.

And underneath's a Winter scene. Tiny cardboard houses break the monotony of a heavy

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Birdsboro Man In Group Regaining Citizen Rights

Christmas pardons by President Truman yesterday restored full citizenship rights to 1523 persons convicted of violating the wartime draft act, including Arnold C. Satterthwait, 27, of Birdsboro, who served two prison terms as a conscientious objector.

Satterthwait, a member of the Society of Friends now working on a grammar of the Bengali (India) language, spent ten months during 1941 in a Federal prison in Danbury, Conn., for refusing to register.

After the Danbury warden registered Satterthwait the Birdsboro man spent two and a half years in the Ashland, Ky. prison for refusing to take a medical exam. He was freed in April, 1946.

His brother, Charles, 26, was cited twice for bravery in North Africa campaigns, while his father, C. S. Satterthwait, who resigned from the Friends to become an Army captain, is now stationed in San Francisco.

Most if not all, of those affected by Mr. Truman's action, have already served their sentences. The effect of the President's proclamation is a blanket restoration of political, civil and other rights."

The President acted on the recommendation of an amnesty board which he set up a year ago and which reviewed 15 805 cases.

The board was headed by Owen J. Roberts, former associate justice of the Supreme court. He was assisted by Willis Smith, Raleigh, N. C. attorney, and James F. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion.

Their report said that the 15,805 Selective Service violation cases considered included "approximately 10,000 wilful violators, 4300 Jehovah's Witnesses, 1000 religious conscientious ob-

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New Contributors To 'Nancy Fund'

Previously acknowledged	$5778.98
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Girls from Ladies' Rest Room, 1302nd, Flagg's	12 00
Maude & Horace Horner, Hanover Heights	5 00
Mrs. Anna Engle, Pottstown RD 2	5 00
Employes Royersford Needle Works	57 00
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Firestone Cafeteria Workers	21.00
Pottstown Amvets Home Association	5 00
Mr. & Mrs. John Fry	5 00
From an Elverson Friend	1.00
First Presbyterian Sunday School	35 00
Sylvia & Herbert Borger	5.00

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Saint Nick Reigns Supreme As Kiddies Revel at Parties

Pottstown's Christmas parties continued their merry rounds last night with 150 men, women and children turning out for the Kiwanis club family dinner and a night of entertainment and 280 children ranging in age from four months to 12 years whooping it up at a party sponsored by Pottstown Lodge 369, Loyal Order of Moose.

A ventriloquist and a juggling act helped round out the Kiwanis program, while the climax of the party, for the children, at least, was reached when Santa Claus turned up and handed out cellophane stockings, jammed to bursting with candy, cookies and nuts.

Wilbur O. Cressman was the cheerful personification of St. Nick last night, as the Kiwanians and their families made the welkin ring with Christmas carols and general merriment.

Gabardine hats caused a sensation among the older youngsters when they were given out at the Moose Christmas party among toys, candy, oranges and ice cream and other delights.

The party lasted two hours and featured besides Santa Claus a Punch and Judy show and a magicians act. Herbert Goodman was Santa.

In all, counting parents 450 attended.

Four men, John D. Swavely, Ralph Fry, Raymond Missimer and Merrill Umstead, assisted by the board of officers arranged the giant party. Earl B. Bechtel was master of ceremonies.

Santa Claus required reinforcement from the Ladies aux-

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DRIVER ESCAPES FLAMING TRUCK AFTER ACCIDENT

Oil-Laden Vehicle Skids Into Tree, Jackknifes on Route 100 Near Kirkwood

A Douglassville RD 1 resident escaped from his smashed oil tank-truck cab yesterday afternoon, just before it burst into flames and threatened to engulf his cargo of oil as the vehicle skidded on Route 100, north of Kirkwood, smashed into a tree and jackknifed on the road.

Daniel Nonnemaker, 39, was treated in the Pottstown hospital dispensary at 5 p. m. for brush burns of the back, left arm and left knee as a result of the accident, one of seven automotive mishaps yesterday most of which could be traced directly to the weather. A combination of rain, snow and increasingly chilly temperatures paved the roads with slush that slowly became treacherously slippery.

A 500-gallon pumper and emergency truck were called from the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company and an ambulance from the Good Will Fire company.

The Phillies used carbon dioxide tanks to extinguish the flames, and had to force the door open to reach the battery terminals, which were severed to cut the electric current from the oil tank loaded with 4200 gallons of inflammable material.

The ambulance was not needed since Nonnemaker was taken to the hospital by Robert J. Frey, of 1057 Queen street, who was driving north on Route 100 and witnessed the accident.

Nonnemakers' truck passed the automobile of John J. Shillady, of Glen Moore RD 1, which also was headed south, but was going very slowly in an attempt to gain traction on the slippery highway.

As Nonnemaker passed he saw another trailer - truck, driven by Harry Ruth, of Ephrata RD 3, coming north on the road.

Nonnemaker applied his brakes and his truck skidded, slamming into a tree. The vehicle jackknifed completely so that the cab faced Pottstown while the oil tank faced West Chester.

Trooper Harry Bullicks, of the Devon sub-station, State police, described the cab as a complete wreck, smashed and burned out.

After the accident, Ruth stopped his truck and helped Nonnemaker from the cab. Shillady also halted his vehicle and offered assistance.

Police said that the damaged truck was the property of W. W. Riegner, of Douglassville RD 2.

Traffic was halted from both directions after the accident, which took place at 4 30 p. m., both because the truck partially blocked the road and because of the imminent danger of the oil tank catching fire.

Four members of two area families were injured at 5 o'clock last night on Knauertown Hill, Route 23 when a car skidded downhill, crashing head-on into another car.

The injured, taken to Memorial hospital in the car of a passing motorist, Paul Eppenheimer, Elver-

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Milk Prices Held At Present Level

Milk prices in the Reading area, which includes Pottstown, will remain as at 20½ cents a quart for the first three months of 1948, the State Milk Control commission decided yesterday.

The decision amounted to a reversal of the marketing order which originally called for a one-cent drop on Jan. 1.

Commission Chairman H. N. Cobb said the orders still provide however, for two-cent price decreases for consumers on April 1 with corresponding reductions for producers. He added that producer organizations already have served notice they will ask for new hearings in March if costs continue at present level.

Answering a charge that differentials between retail and wholesale prices pinched retail grocery stores, Cobb said the body had considered granting quantity discounts to stores buying large amounts of milk but took no action pending further study of the industry.

Joy Rider Scores Again; This Time It's a Truck

Pottstown's joy-rider has taken to stealing bigger game. Apparently graduated from the automobile class yesterday he snagged a near red truck tractor from a lot on Queen street.

Its owner, Thomas Ioell, 933 Queen street, reported the theft to police at 8 20 o'clock yesterday morning.

The tractor was stolen sometime during the 20 minute period between 8 o'clock and the time the report was phoned to the police.

Motor Patrolman Harold E. Hahn investigated.

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ON THE MAIN DRAG

JANICE CARE
—trying to solve a bookkeeping problem.

HARRY HALLMAN
—becoming confused during a telephone conversation.

JEANNE THREN
—seeking help with the dessert list.

MARJORIE LUCIANA
—decorating a Christmas tree.

IRV FREDERICK
—miming at six simultaneous salutations.

WILLIAM MANSHIP
—trying to work out a program.

CAROLINA JOHNSTON
—heading for a Dixie Christmas.

DAVE BAKER
—watching a football movie.

MRS. THEODORE KEMP
—hanging out wash in red boots.

MRS. MILLIE PETTIGREW
—using coffee to cement good-neighbor relations.

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Fed Steers Bring Record Price in Omaha and Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Prices on fed steers reached new all-time record highs of $40 a hundred pounds at Omaha and Chicago today, while at Kansas City steers brought $35 to equal the record there.

In Little Rock, Ark. fancy top grade calves also set an all-time record price for the greater Little Rock stockyards of $34.

The Chicago top price was paid for 20 head of choice to prime 1220-pound fed steers shipped by Schmidt Brothers of Delmar, Ia. The previous world's record price for fed steers was $39, paid at Chicago for the first time Dec. 9 this year and three times since then.

Good quality fed steers have been commanding increasingly high prices here since November, 1947, when a record of $38 was set on the 14th. Then, on Dec. 2, that record was broken by a price of $38.50, and that record in turn toppled Dec. 9 when the top reached $39.

In Omaha, 19 head of Angus steers marketed by the Galbraith Brothers of Beemer, Neb., commanded the new record price of $40. They averaged 1310 pounds each.

The Kansas City price of $35 was paid for a load of mostly choice quality slaughter steers, equalling the Kansas City market record for commercially fed cattle. Traders said light pre-holiday receipts forced higher prices there.

The Little Rock record price for calves was up $1 from yesterday's quotations.

Some oil wells cost about $250,000 to drill.

No New Trial

Film actress Madge Meredith (above), convicted on charges of kidnaping and assaulting her former adviser, Nick Gianaclis, was denied a new trial yesterday in Los Angeles. Her attorney has asked probation for Miss Meredith.

California Gunman Picked on Wrong Victim

CLAREMONT, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP)—Nora Michael, 18, was standing on a shadowy corner waiting for a bus, she told police, when a man stepped up behind her and demanded her purse.

She wheeled around and gasped: "Why, Earl!"

The surprised young man dropped his gun, tried to catch it, struck it with his hand. The gun went off Miss Michael ran.

Police found him lying on the sidewalk, wounded in the knee. They identified him as Earl Brown, 20, and charged him today with first degree robbery.

"I've known him for years," said Miss Michael.

FORMER EDITOR DIES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—James L. Monihan, 83, a former copy editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin from 1915 to 1941, died of a heart attack in his Philadelphia law office.

Immigrant Jews Who Sailed From Rome Arrive in Holy Land Under British Escort

ROME, Dec. 23 (AP) — The two-masted wooden schooner which arrived today in Haifa under British escort sailed from Italy with 875 uncertified Jewish immigrants Dec. 11, quietly and unnamed.

The name "Unafraid" was given it by the passengers when out at sea, as is customary in such sailings. (An official statement issued in Haifa translated the name, Al Tafchidunu, as "you can't frighten us.")

Announcement by British authorities that Meyer Levin, an American newsman, had been taken into custody revealed that the ship was the one which sailed from a point not far north of Rome.

Walter Green, Associated Press photographer, was taken in the dark of night — part of the time blindfolded—to photograph the ship and its passengers before the sailing. He talked to Levin shortly before boarding the ship.

Green said the automobile ride to the scene of the sailing required little more than an hour, the last part of it through farmland lanes.

The driver was a member of Hagana, the Jewish underground militia agency.

At the sailing scene—where many of the immigrants had already arrived in luxury Italian buses—other Hagana men were in charge. They had come here from Palestine, it was said, expressly to supervise the sailing.

During the night, other big buses arrived and unloaded. The buses—15 in all—came from different directions. The ship sailed shortly before dawn.

From a battered pillbox which could have been Italian or German, a quarter-inch cable stretched out into the dark sea and to the schooner's anchorage.

Surplus U. S. Army rubber rafts took the passengers along this cable to the schooner. Hagana men did the piloting and pushing.

Green said he was permitted to work freely, and take pictures of all phases of the loading. In the little ship's hold, a few feet of earth served as ballast and crude plumbing for the voyage.

1948 Dog Licenses Go on Sale Monday

By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 23 — Dog licenses for 1948 will be placed on sale at the county treasurer's office Monday morning, it was announced today.

All dogs six months of age or over must be licensed by Jan. 15, according to State regulations.

The water in Lake Titicaca is very cold even in Summer, but never freezes.

Christmas Eve Dinner Arranged by Auto Club

A Christmas dinner for the employes and board of directors of the Pottstown Automobile club will be served at a board meeting in the Cloverleaf restaurant at 6 o'clock tonight.

O. C. Beacraft, manager, said yesterday that only a brief business session would be held.

Petroleum is produced in 26 states of the United States.

President Truman Given Walkie-Talkie Radio

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Truman received a "walkie-no-back-talkie" radio transmitter today as a Christmas present from Secretary of Commerce Harriman.

With the six-ounce battery-operated set, the President can communicate with members of his staff provided that (a) they aren't over 200 or 300 feet away, and, (b) they are equipped with receivers tuned in on a frequency of 6575 kilocycles.

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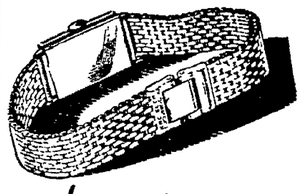

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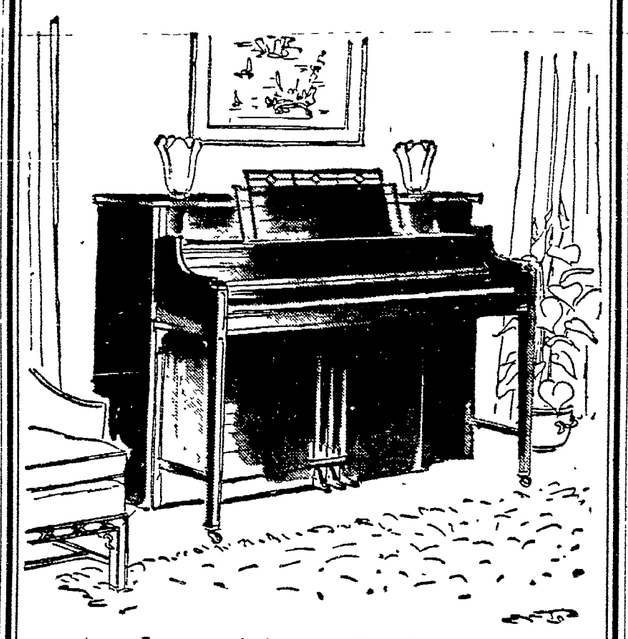

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3000 Youngsters and Employes Attend 2 Firestone Company Christmas Parties

Between 2000 and 3000 children and employes of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company attended two Christmas parties given by the company in the auditorium of the Pottstown Senior High school yesterday.

Presents were given to each of the children by Santa Claus as the high spot in the two hour show presented for their entertainment.

The first show was presented from 10 to 12 o'clock yesterday morning, while the second was presented last night from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Sound equipment of the Schulz Baking company was loaned to the Firestone employes to amplify the Christmas music played during the show.

The parties were arranged by an employe's committee headed by C. E. Heitman, personnel director. Thomas F. Storm, 331 King street, donned the familiar red velvet and beard to give out the presents as Santa Claus.

HEADS FOR ORIENT

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh passed through Honolulu yesterday en route to the Orient aboard a Pan American plane.

DIES OF AUTO INJURIES

WILKES-BARRE, Dec 23 (AP)—Fourteen-year-old Thomas Kingston Jr., of Dallas, died today of injuries he received a week ago when struck by an automobile.

Farmers own 20 percent of all licensed automobiles in the United States.

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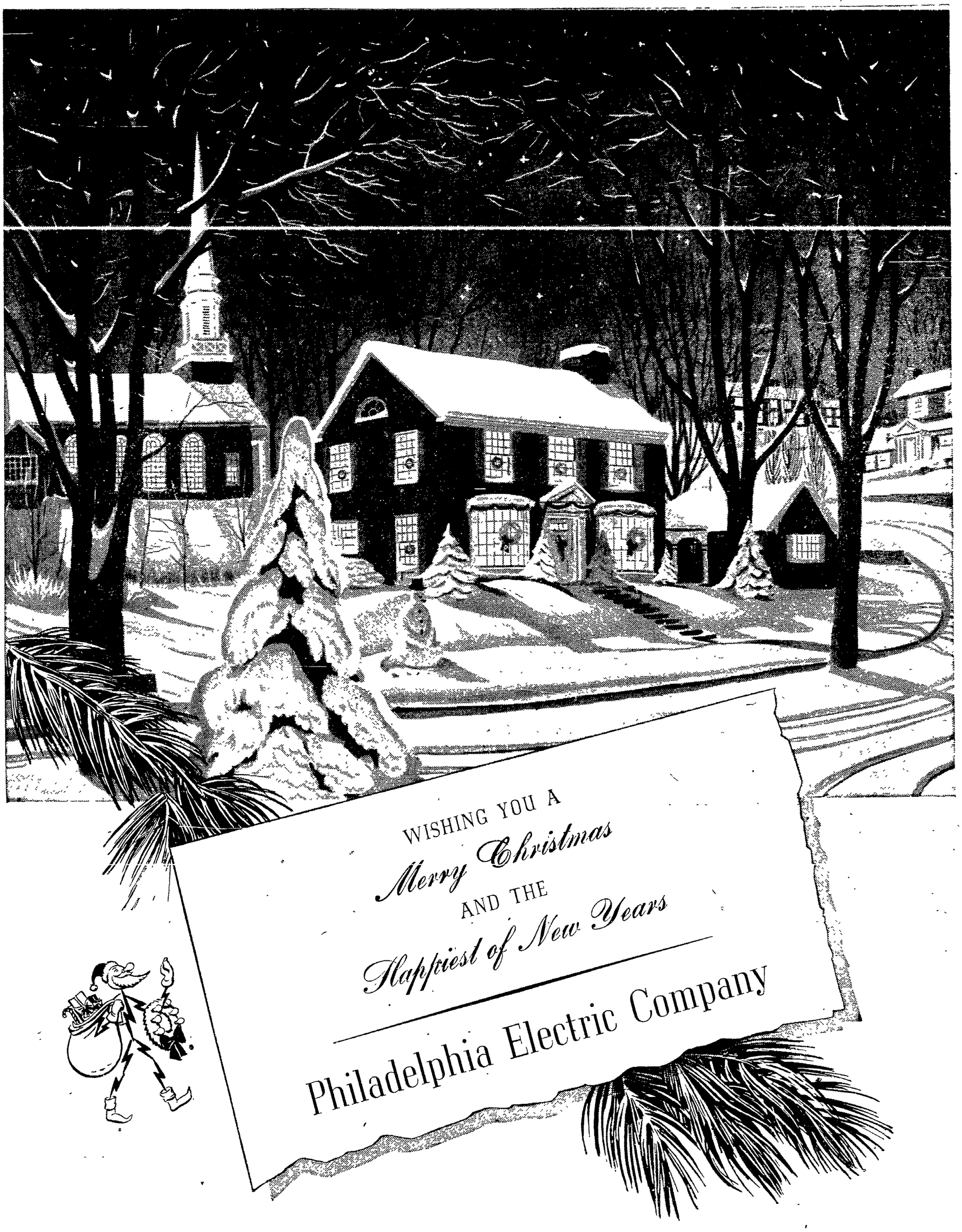

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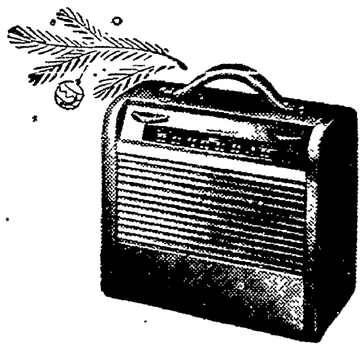

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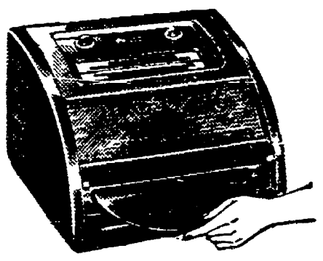

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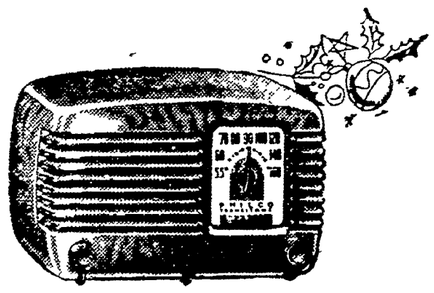

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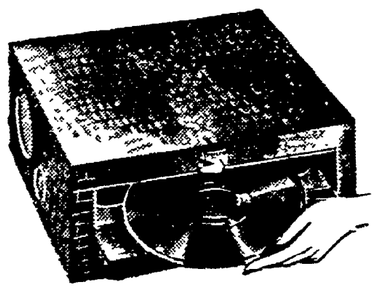

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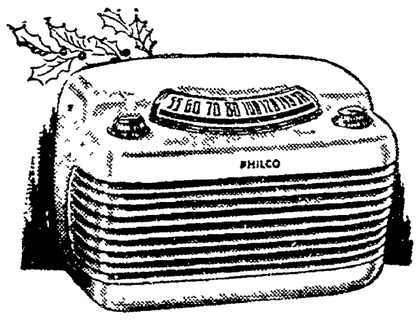

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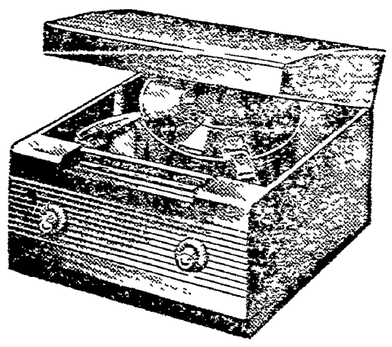

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1947

He that places himself neither higher nor lower than he ought to do, exercises the truest humility.—Colton.

Christmas and Security

EVERY adult feels closer to his own childhood at Christmas. The old customs prevail. The foods are the same that grandma and mother spread on the holiday table. The long preparations beforehand are so steeped in tradition that the days culminating in Christmas surreptitiously lead one back along the years to a time when the world seemed much more secure.

Clement Moore gave the essence of that feeling in his beloved verse:

"The children were nestled
All snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
Danced in their heads."

Now, surely, there is a change from all that. Atomic energy lies waiting to blow us all to eternity if mankind makes a false move. Statesmen have talked of war to end war, yet weapons have become more destructive, suspicions fill many minds, and the commandments of the Old Testament and the teachings of Christ are flouted all around.

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Is security then a will-o'-the-wisp and the Christmas message of peace and goodwill a mockery?

Complete security is something man can never know and probably would not like if he had it. In retrospect the past may seem to have been more secure, for we have found out all it contained. The things we feared did not, in the main, eventuate. The past is laid away in neat packages.

Yet the old times, if we are honest, were full of dismays. There were times when the dark and eclipses were feared. Providing the simplest food was a constant battle. Plagues struck wholesale and medieval man had only superstitious weapons with which to fight back.

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Now man has different problems, as much larger as his opportunities are larger. Risks keep pace with capabilities.

But what guides and strengthens him? The Christmas message.

For more than 19 centuries the teachings of Christ have kept alive. Many men have forgotten or denied them. But they and their philosophies have passed and the word of God has shone again and again. It is those who violate the Christian ethic who fail.

Peace on earth and goodwill to men.

In that message is confidence. It is an aspiration to tie to. If it were not, the world would not proclaim it anew each year. There is practical security in that ever new message of the Savior's birth.

Merry Christmas!

Save Heat!

YESTERDAY'S snow reminded all Pottstown that Winter really is here. Some folks wouldn't admit it before. But that ugly snow made them recant.

Winter is here. It's going to get colder.

That means oil must be conserved. Some dealers have warned that quotas will be cut. So if you don't want to be cold before Spring arrives, arrange now to cut down on burning the precious fluid.

President Truman reportedly is about to ask motorists to cut down on their pleasure driving to save gasoline in what promises to be a nationwide gasoline and oil shortage.

Three factors are responsible for the shortages:

1 The vastly increased demand. More people are driving farther, more farmers have tractors. More homeowners, fed up with John L. Lewis' annual tactics, put in oil burners this year.

2 Existing petroleum refining capacity simply can't cope with the demand. Oil companies haven't been able to get steel to enlarge their refineries.

3 Transportation and storage facilities for gasoline and oil can't handle what the nation would like to consume.

Unless fuel oil users conserve 10 percent this year, compared to last, they are going to get mighty cold this Winter.

How do you conserve oil?

Have your furnace and oil burner checked, pull down the shades at night and cut the thermostat before going to bed. Don't dawdle in the open doorway a half-hour saying goodnight to your friends. Close off unused rooms and don't heat the garage. Shut fireplace dampers and put on storm windows. A surprising number of Pottstown homes still have screens on their windows.

Save heat now to conserve fuel oil—or suffer the consequences next February.

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS,
December 23.

Editor, The Mercury.
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where in one year 7000 marriage licenses that were issued were not used in New York City. Cupid must be trying for a record in near misses!

Another item says New Zealand has pensions for parliament members. Down there when a statesman loses an election he still wins!

And say: A Canadian was arrested for being a bit pifflicated while driving a sleigh at high speed. It seems he was hitting it up on all four hooves.

Hopin' you air the same,
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

READERS SAY:

Hermit Gets No Help To Improve Conditions

Letters must not be more than 250 words long, of current topics and must not involve personalities. Writers must sign their names and give street address as evidence of good faith but these will be withheld from publication on request. It is a criminal offense to sign another person's name. Poetry, and communications advocating the election of political candidates are not acceptable.

By MERCURY READERS

Foreigner Handled Roughly

To the Editor: I am certainly glad someone had the courage to write regarding the so-called hermit. I have been very disgusted since all this publicity has been in the paper.

Saturday's Mercury stated that he will continue to receive the monthly assistance which he has been receiving until such time as he can enter the home for the aged. What is he supposed to do until that time?

In one article he faced the danger of having his home torn down because of its being a fire hazard and because of unsanitary conditions. Those two points may be very important but that does not help the man to improve conditions at all.

In the first place he probably was unaware of the fact that one was not allowed to receive relief when possessing a certain amount of money. Laws are laws, yes, but I think one who is acutally alone in the world should be treated a little differently, at least made to understand he is doing wrong before being punished.

I wish the giant killers, to quote the letter in Readers Say, would find themselves in the same position, living in a country in which they are unable to understand certain rules and having cash taken from them which they had been saving in order to return to their native country.

Pottstown MRS. R. K.

One More Light, Please

To the Editor: Here's a salute of appreciation from a pedestrian to the authorities for the new traffic lights at King and Hanover streets. It affords considerable satisfaction to see those careless drivers compelled to stop on red and give pedestrians a chance to get on the other side.

Pottstown has one more bad spot, and that's at High and Penn streets. When the traffic officer is not there—and that's frequently, we foot folk take our lives in our hands, frequently getting caught in the middle of the street.

It is true that there is little car traffic on Penn street, but hundreds of people cross there on foot daily and thousands on Fridays and Saturdays. I nearly lost my life there a while ago. Maybe others have.

How about it, councilmen? Parking receipts are bigger than ever, but regardless of cost, let's also have this one additional light. It's a must.

Pottstown V. D. R.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

VIDA D., 18, was an art student, taking a course in applied psychology in our night school at the university.

"Dr Crane, why is it that so few modern artists ever amount to anything?" she inquired one evening during class.

"Many of them can mix paints and follow orders very well, but they lack originality. They are imitators instead of creators.

"It seems to me that psychology is very important in art."

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Vida is correct, for psychology is the basis of success in art as well as in literature, business, public speaking and the like.

Moreover, many artists can mix paints or follow the orders of some creative artist, but they themselves cannot originate. In fact, the modern Liberal Arts curriculum also might well be criticized for teaching too much imitation of the past.

Apes seldom become original thinkers. Thus to be a creative writer or artist you must cease worshipping with asinine idolatry the big names of the past, or you'll remain an ape forever.

The best art instructor in all history is living today. He is called Professor Nature, and is around us all the time. D Vinci, Michelangelo, Whistler and all the rest were pikers compared to Prof. Nature, yet many students seem to forget this fact.

A great artist must, first of all, be a great psychologist, knowing the "human interest" values of life, and understanding how to build up dramatic suspense.

Successful writers, artists, public speakers, advertisers and salesmen are all much alike in that they understand human nature and dramatic values.

An amateur artist paints a bowl of fruit. Who wants to buy a picture of a bowl of fruit? You can buy the real fruit for possibly less than 50 cents and no artist can equal the real thing.

Fruit isn't particularly interesting anyway. Nor are light and shadow effects, except to technicians! But human beings and animals are often quite fascinating.

A good artist will thus select human interest scenes before he ever sets up his easel. But most artists are like amateur camera enthusiasts.

Did you ever observe the average person in his use of a camera? He'll go on a picnic, snapping shots here, there and yon. At the end of a day he may have hundreds of snapshots, but not a single one of interest value to anybody outside of those on the picnic trip.

The use of a camera is a quick test for weeding out the unfit among artists. If a man or woman cannot photograph human interest scenes, then there is little hope that they'll be creative artists.

They may learn how to mix paints, but they'll never become more than technicians. It is the creative faculty which attains fame and the high prices in this world, regardless of whether it be in music, art, or fiction, business, law or theology.

Here is another bit of psychology for use of artists. Our interest in an object renders it psychologically heavier. Thus, on the page a picture has more apparent "weight" than an equal area devoted to printed copy.

A dog is likewise heavier than an equal area devoted to a rock or a stump. For animate objects are more interesting than inanimate objects.

If you wish a copy of my bulletin entitled "The Psychology of Art," send a 3-cent stamped, self-addressed envelope and a dime.

Use it to orient your thinking and to select human interest subjects before you even begin use of brush and paints.

WASHINGTON

Moscow Strategy War—Not Peace

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Washington's unofficial verdict on the abrupt and angry breakup of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers is that Stalin seeks an inevitable war with the United States, but requires a "breathing spell" of ten to 20 years during which he will try to destroy such buffer states as Germany, France and England to his west, and China, Japan and Korea to his east.

Secretary Marshall returned to the Capital with no illusions as to Moscow's long-term strategy. It is war, not peace.

His testimony before Congressional committees, which will be delivered behind closed doors, will be that the United States must increase its appropriations for the armed services, especially for the new United States Air Force, scientific research, development of the atom bomb and establishment of strategic bases in the Atlantic and Pacific areas.

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CONQUEST: Russia's refusal to negotiate on permanent peace treaties for Germany and Austria supplies the key to her program of conquest, in the opinion of official Washington. So does the Kremlin's decision to try to block any interim or Marshall Plan for the recovery of Western Europe and China.

Her stalling tactics over a Korean settlement accord with the same pattern of controlling or crippling any countries which might be our Allies in a possible World War III.

American military, economic and diplomatic experts report that Russia cannot fight such a major war for at least a decade, if it is waged in accord with historic conditions.

Moscow would enter such a conflict under a severe handicap if the United States and England have friendly and restored population, armies, bases and the production of powerful states in Europe and in the Orient.

It was these advance outposts which checked the Kaiser in World War I. Even though Western European nations fell almost overnight to Hitler, it was Britain's defense and preservation as an immovable airport and training ground which enabled us to stave off Hitler while the U. S. rearmed.

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WITNESS: President Truman counts on Secretary Marshall's report on Russian recalcitrancy at London to override Republican objections to complete and whole-hearted approval of the Administration's request for a four-year twenty-billion program of assistance to Western Europe.

Marshall is not regarded as a warmonger or an alarmist. As wartime Chief of Staff, he had most cordial relations with his military opposites, and he came to have a personal affection for them.

He thought, as did Franklin D. Roosevelt, that they reflected the viewpoint of a Russian government which had become more responsive to world needs and opinion than it had been before Hitler's attack in June of 1941.

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ENEMY: He discovered his mistake at London, as did President Truman only a few months after he entered the White House. Secretary Marshall now has no love for or confidence in the Russians. He regards them as a mortal enemy only awaiting the opportunity to destroy the U. S. along with the rest of the universe.

He may not use this blunt language in his conference with key members of Congress, at least not for publication. But no amount of diplomatic talk can conceal the fact that the United States and Russia are now at war.

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STRENGTH: Two major shifts in the Truman Cabinet are scheduled for early in 1948 as the President seeks to strengthen his Administration's political appeal for the forthcoming national election. It is an even money bet that he will find other assignments for Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, and for J. A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior.

As he has shown by his treatment of Edwin W. Pauley, who has caused him embarrassment on two major issues—petroleum tidelands and speculating on commodity exchanges—Mr. Truman resembles Warren G. Harding in his reluctance to hurt the feelings of his old and personal friends. He suffers from an excess of loyalty.

But his political aides inform him that neither the man from Wisconsin (Krug) nor the former Representative from New Mexico (Anderson) contribute any reinforcements to the party. The former has incurred the enmity of important elements of labor, especially the coal miners, while the Secretary of Agriculutre may yet become the "goat" for high food prices, since that is his domain.

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SINS: Both Cabinet members have also committed cardinal personal political sins.

Secretary Krug told a Phoenix reclamation audience that the Republicans of the Eightieth Congress had made more generous appropriations for their projects than any predecessor body. Thereby, he threw away what was to have been a major Democratic issue in affected areas.

Like Pauley, Anderson has said that speculation on the commodity exchanges was not a factor in boosting retail prices. In his request for more drastic regulation of the trading centers, President Truman has contended that such "gambling" was largely responsible for the high cost of living.

One-Minute Test

1. What world-famous sentimental waltz song was written originally as a burlesque?
2. What great composer wrote the largest number of symphonies?
3. What is the difference between opera comique and comic opera?

One-Minute Test Answers

1. "Kiss Me Again."
2. Josef Haydn wrote about 125.
3. Opera comique is any opera, comic or serious, with spoken dialogue; a comic opera always is (theoretically) comic.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

For
MISS VIOLET BRUNNER
149 Chestnut street

BECAUSE her engagement to Mr. David J. Shirey, Boyertown RD 2, has been announced.

Runaway Prices, Runaway Statesmen!

Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23 — Merry Christmas! We imagine the gal in Hollywood with the most to be grateful for in a material way this Yuletide is Greer Garson — for that new contract she recently signed with Metro. That little "document" is 60 pages long! As we understand it, Greer will get a sort of paid-up insurance policy instead of salary — three million dollars worth! And the contract guarantees her around 30 thousand dollars a year for life, even if she should leave that studio at the end of this seven year contract! Meantime, Metro is the beneficiary in case of her death and all moneys revert to that company. . . . June Lockhart (dotter of movie-heavy Gene Lockhart) the current toast of Broadway in "For Love or Money" is brushing movie offers out of her hair — natch! But she isn't giving the brush to 28-year-old Bernard Straus who produced the show. They're sizzling . . . Victor McLaglen won a handful of blue ribbons and a lot in cash prizes for his dairy cows at the Madeira district fair. He'll put the money into those stacks of Christmas baskets he distributes each year to the needy . . . Rhonda Fleming and Bing Crosby spent most of the weekend recording songs from the score "Connecticut Yankee" together.

Greer Garson

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Joan Crawford has another one of those glamorous and spicy roles in "Until Proven Guilty" in which she plays a lady juror who gets into plenty of trouble. Story has an unhappy ending at present and Joan is fighting for a happy wind-up. Johnny McClain, who was giving Joan Caulfield a rush before both went east, is continuing the chase around the Manhattan spots.

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The manager of the Brentwood theatre here has instituted the nation's first "sitter-service." And what a boon it's been to hectic last-minute shopping parents! He gives people wishing to see his movies a list of his many available sitters and the parents make their own deal. In addition, this enterprising gent has set up a Saturday morning "kiddie-show" at which mothers can leave their kids under supervision while they market, etc. Mothers can also choose printed signs to hang around their tot's necks. The signs read, "Okay for popcorn," "No candy," "Take to bathroom at 11 a. m." etc. System is paying off with the biggest business the house has ever done!

Ronald Regan ("estranged" from Jane Wyman) and Doris Day were tabling for two at Mocambo last night . . . For the first time in his career, Chester Morris used a screen double yesterday for scenes in "Trapped by Boston Blackie." Chester, still hampered by that leg he broke a few months ago, couldn't run like mad before the cameras as he is supposed to, so the job went to Charles Coleen.

Bridge

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

Is Your Slip Showing?

ANSWERING that question, the correct word is "yes" if you are up against a really top-notch player. The slightest error in play is likely to be pounced upon by him and enable him to take an extra trick because of it. The cost of your misplays is advertised more in duplicate games than in rubber bridge, as the set of scores made at different tables reveals just what a number of different players did with the same cards.

North: ♠ A K Q 8 3 ♥ A 7 6 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ 10
West: ♠ 9 6 2 ♥ Q J ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ A Q 9 8 5
East: ♠ J 7 4 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ J 6 2
South: ♠ 10 5 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ K 7 4 3

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT			

North and South could afford to do that extremely informative bidding because they were up against a pair that did not take much advantage of their card-reading opportunities, and were none too strong generally. Usually they could be depended upon for about one mistake per deal, and sure enough West made one this time.

The club 8 was led to the 10, J and K, and the declarer, the famous Lee Hazen, next ran five spades, discarding two clubs and a diamond. He noted carefully what West threw—first the club 5 and then the heart J. That last discard was terrible. To find out if West also held the heart Q, now blanked, he led to the A and felled it. The marked finesse of the heart 9 was followed by the heart K. Here Mr. Hazen noted West's discards of two clubs, leaving him only the A. So the declarer threw him in with the club 7 to the A.

West was of course counted as having nothing left but diamonds, which he had to lead. It made no difference, therefore, which defender had the diamond Q, as this assured the keen declarer of the last three tricks in that suit.

Just note what a difference there would have been if West had not made the bad discard of his heart J, but had tossed another club instead.

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Tomorrow's Problem

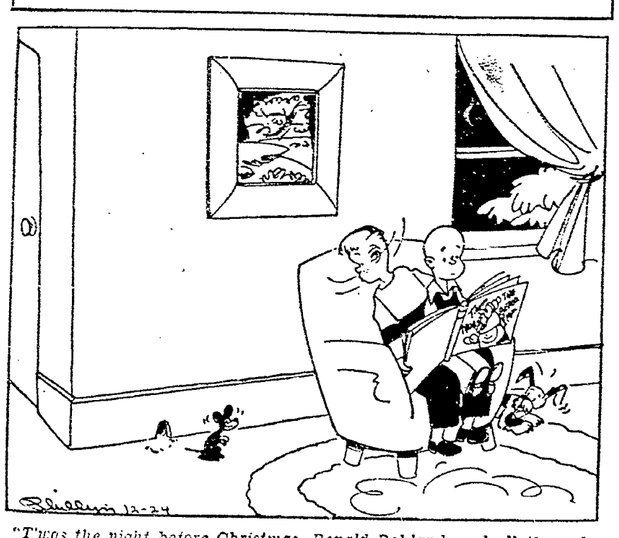
North: ♠ K 10 8 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A Q 9 6 ♣ K Q 9 7
West: ♠ 9 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ J 8 4 2 ♣ J 8 4 3 2
East: ♠ A Q J 6 5 4 ♥ 7 3 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ A
South: ♠ 7 3 2 ♥ A K J 9 6 4 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 6 5

(Dealer: East. East - West vulnerable.)

What is the sound defense against South's 4-Hearts on this deal?

Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



"T'was the night before Christmas, Ronald Rohland, and all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a—Oh, oh!"

In Retrospect

50 Years Ago

December 24, 1897

CLEMMER IS ACCUSED—Lizzie De Kalb, 26, charged that James A. Clemmer was guilty of the fatal shooting of Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser, on Oct. 28, 1896, in Gulph Mills valley. The accusation was made at a hearing before Magistrate Lenhardt, Norristown. She alleged the murder was committed to obtain $10,000 insurance which the victim's husband, Charles G. Kaiser and Clemmer had placed on Mrs. Kaiser's life. Miss DeKalb waived a hearing and was re-committed to the county prison.

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POULTRY SHOW OPENS — The fourth annual Sanatoga Poultry show opened in Kurtz's hall, Sanatoga. A special attraction is a 40-pound turkey.

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MASONS ELECT—Following officers of Pottstown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, were elected: Augustus B. Miller, high priest; Benjamin E. McGuire, king; Augustus Coller, scribe; Montgomery S. Longaker, treasurer; Newton S. Kinzer, secretary; Elijah Dearolf, William B. Frain and Frederick S. Roesch, trustees, and Theodore B. Miller, representative.

25 Years Ago

December 24, 1922

FATHER OF NINE KILLED—Michele Dastonia, of Phoenixville, father of nine children, was killed yesterday when he was struck by a Reading railway train near Linfield. He was an employe of the Reading Railway as a track worker.

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NUPTIAL EVENT—Miss Elizabeth E. Keiser, local school teacher, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Keiser, 468 North Hanover street, was married to Jack W. Stephens, son of J. H. Stephens, 17 East Second street. Dr. Irwin B. Kurtz performed the ceremony in Emmanuel Lutheran church.

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PRESSMAN INJURED—Herman Saylor, of 355 Walnut street, suffered injury to his right arm yesterday when his shirt sleeve was caught while feeding a printing press. A muscle was ruptured.

10 Years Ago

December 24, 1922

QUITS INSPECTIONS—Dr. John B. Sherbon, who has been police physician for the past two years, will quit the end of this year. He says he is tired of being ragged and heckled as a result of examining drivers believed by police to be intoxicated.

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OPEN TB CLINIC—A free tuberculosis clinic is opening at Pottstown hospital in charge of Dr. S. M. Novacki, assisted by Miss Sophia White, State clinic nurse.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY—Maria Assunta lodge entertained 250 children of members at a Christmas party. Joseph Digiosia was Santa Claus. Gifts were distributed.

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ABC FETE—The American Business club held a Yuletide party at the Shuler house. Kenneth Nichols led group singing. The committee in charge included Charles Silver, Charles Rowland and Melvin Guest.

Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

News! News! News!

THOSE who have seen Winston Churchill's memoirs, or chapters from them, say they undoubtedly constitute the most fascinating autobiography of our time. And they call many a historically important man a liar in almost so many words . . . Jane Wyman and Ronald Reagan are supporting the reconciliation rumors by holding hands in the Hollywood night spots . . . You'll soon be seeing Happy Chandler's pretty daughter in the flickers — she got four stars on her recent screen test . . . Jimmy Collins' appeal of his sentence in the Mergenthaler embezzlement case comes before the New York Appellate Court next month. Experts think he has a 50-50 chance to get a new trial . . . The theatrical set hears Vincent Sardi Jr., is toying with the notion of opening an East Side branch of his former eatery . . . Film producer Ben Bogeaus and his wife, Dolores Moran, will battle the rift rumors by arriving in Gotham together on the 29th.

Jane Wyman

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Young Jay Roosbach is Armandoodling with pretty Diane Butler . . . The Hollywood performers currently in Rome to make a movie thriller are more than irked at one of the important figures connected with the picture. The film was held up for more than three weeks while he enjoyed a spectacular binge.

AGVA and the four A's (the senior theatrical union) will bring their feud to a boiling point during the Miami season. Acts heading south don't know which union to pay dues to in order to avoid getting caught in the jurisdictional middle . . . .

Have a pre-Christmas smile: the girl who used to teach the elephants to dance in the Ringling Brothers circuses now is giving rumba lessons at a dance studio.

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The large steamship lines, convinced that air transportation will not make any substantial dent in their grosses, are planning the building of new super-liners for ocean travel . . .

Michael Bartlett is due to return to the footlights in a new musical titled "Gay Masquerade" . . . British producers are angling for the services of several of the Hollywoodites slated to lose their jobs in the current anti-Communist purge.

Phil Silvers is getting titters even from psychiatrists with his new gag. He's selected a wellknown Broadway character as the man with "the personality most likely to split in 1948" . . .

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The John Ford film which was to have been made in Ireland has been postponed, so Maureen O'Hara won't be visiting her native land for the holidays as she had planned. But Maureen's best Christmas present is Darryl Zanuck's decision to let her graduate from being "Queen of Technicolor" and emerge as an actress. He thinks she'll rank with the screen's top comediennes in 1948

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

The Yule Message... A Wife's Hope...

SURPRISE — Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. The roads today may be just the thing for Santa Claus's sleigh. While autos skid and walkers slide upon the glassy streets, if St. Nick's reindeer have their chains, the kids will get their treats!

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THOUGHT — Came to this corner one of those perpetual calendars. No great shucks as a Christmas gift, but a message with it wrapped up the box in real holiday spirit. It read: "Certainly the word 'perpetual' should be used cautiously in our changing world. We have seen too many things so regarded, dissolve and disappear. But, thank the Lord, Christmas and its unselfish, kindly spirit of good will still work as miraculously and as positively as the law of gravitation. Here is a problem for our research boys. HOW GREAT A FORCE IS KINDNESS AND UNSELFISH GOOD WILL WHICH WE USE ON A LARGE SCALE ONLY ONCE A YEAR? . . .

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"IS IT A FORCE we might use in all our human relations that could be as powerful as the forces of anger, hatred and selfishness? Some scientists suggest research in the laws that govern the mental and spiritual side of mankind and do not think the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount are as theoretical and impractical as most of us do, but have unexplored possibilities. In view of the destruction possibilities of our current world, it seems evident that purely for self preservation the big scientific discovery we all need to work on is a way to bring Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

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ORIGIN — The Yule log is a part of Christmas that should be preserved. The Yule log always was a great block of oak brought in with a lot of ceremony on Christmas eve and lighted with a brand kept from the Yule log of the year before. Its ashes, kept through the year, were supposed to protect the house from fire and lightning and to have the power of healing wounds and making fields and animals fertile.

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A HOPE — The wife of a man who must make his rounds Christmas days remembers to offer a word of warning to the good customers who like to spread the "cheer." Many a wife of a serviceman will echo her words. "Many a man who serves your house daily starts out on his rounds early Christmas morning and is met in dozens of homes with the proverbial 'Christmas Cheer'," she writes. "But it's a long way from 'cheer' to the wives who wait at home trembling with the thought of how their husbands are going to come in. The man, himself, is placed in an unusual position. He dislikes turning down the hospitality of a customer because he knows what the reaction will be. It would be perfectly all right if it were only one customer who offers the token of holiday greetings. But sometimes a dozen stops are made at the flowing bowl. So Christmas is ruined for his wife, for his children. If customers want to show their feeling or express their Christmas hospitality, let them give something the whole family can enjoy. But don't get our husbands pickled!"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS — There's only one way to say it. It's "Merry Christmas." Thanks to all those who sent cards to this corner. One of the joys of the week was reading the kind sentiments. Thanks for the many kind wishes and Merry Christmas to you!

YOUR HEALTH

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M. D.

FEW things are more remarkable than the ability of the skin to resist germs. Though we know that it normally does a wonderful job in this way, we still have much to learn about how that job is done, and this mystery makes it harder to understand just what happens to allow harmful germs to get a foothold in the skin as they do now and then to cause infection.

Nonetheless, the fact remains that germs—chiefly staphylocci and streptococci—are responsible for a large proportion of skin disorders, causing a great deal more trouble in this way than fungi, such as ringworm.

Even under normal conditions the skin harbors great numbers of germs. Ordinarily, these germs are harmless, but such things as excessive heat and moisture are thought to cause considerable changes in the number of these harmless organisms and to give harmful ones chance for a foothold to which they then cling with great stubbornness.

If the skin is injured, harmful germs rapidly grow in the affected area. Thus, in treating skin diseases in which there is inflammation of the skin, it is important to avoid any measures which may cause further irritation.

The effectiveness of any method of treatment is increased if the skin is gently cleansed and dead tissue removed. Various solutions are helpful in this cleaning-up process, although they do not have any particular effect in getting rid of the germs.

Rest and exposure of the affected part to air also may be an important part of the treatment. It is difficult to cure an infection of the skin of the foot, however mild, if the foot is kept closed up in a shoe and is subjected to movement for from 12 to 18 hours a day during walking and other activities.

One group of skin infections includes such disorders as impetigo, infectious dermatitis and folliculitis, which is an infection around the hair roots.

The treatment for these conditions is to clean the involved parts thoroughly with soap and water and a solution of salt and permanganate. The solution is applied for 20 minutes, two to six times a day. Any pus-containing sores are opened. Treatment with penicillin is then employed. It is probable that the giving of the penicillin by injection into a muscle is better than applying it locally, in most instances. However, in such conditions as mild impetigo, the local treatment is simpler and less expensive.

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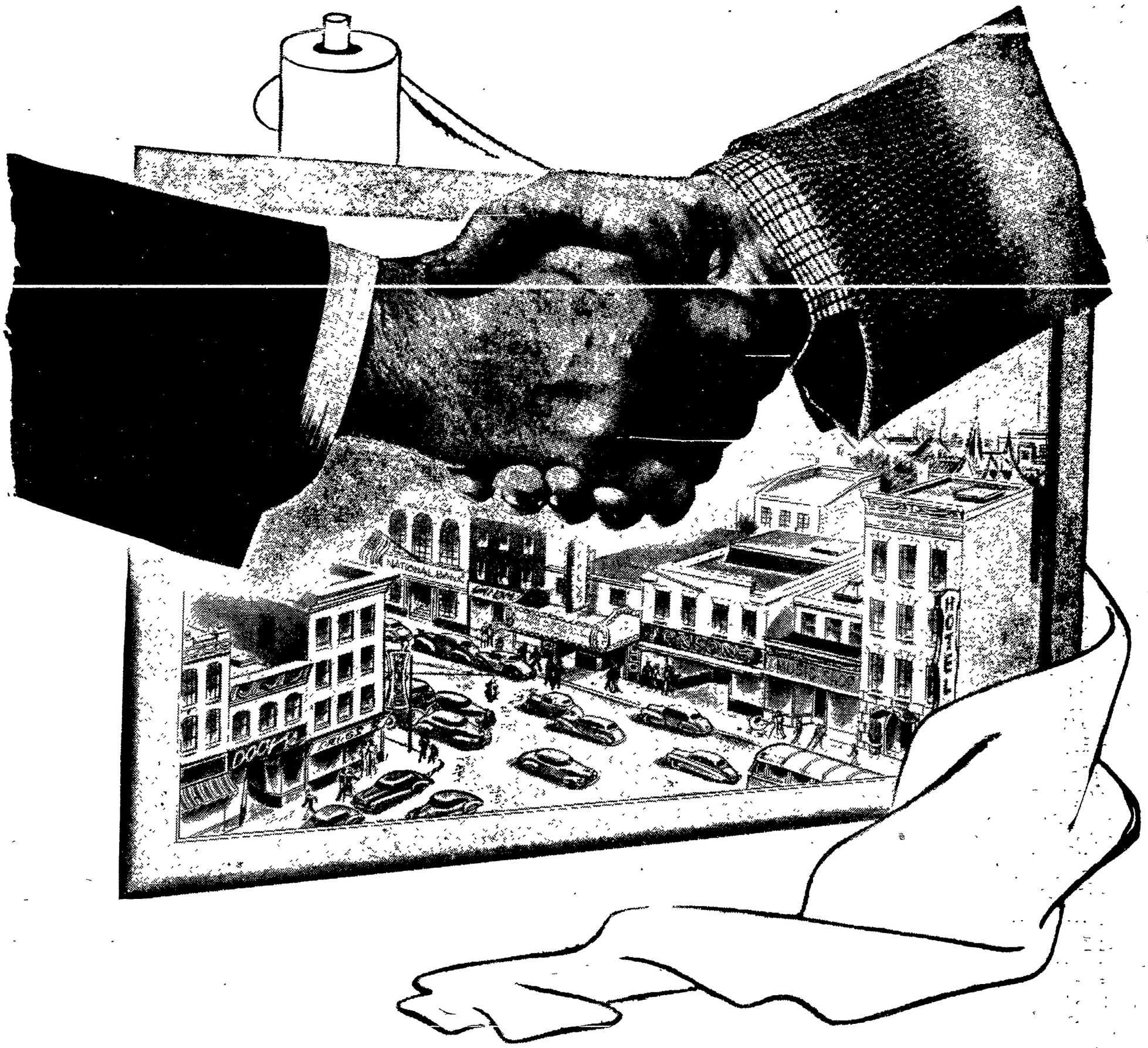

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Church Groups to Sing Christmas Carols Tonight

Boyertown streets will be filled with Christmas music tonight as groups from both Church of the Good Shepherd Evangelical and Reformed, and St John's Evangelical Lutheran church sing carols in the borough.

Reformed congregation carollers will meet at the church at 9 p m today Fifth, sixth and seventh graders in the Lutheran church will meet at the church at 6 30 today and will be accompanied as they sing by Mr and Mrs Richard W Houck

The Luther League of St John's will hold a Christmas party tonight at 9 o clock in the church and at 10 p m will leave to carol in the borough

Mr and Mrs George H Kline will entertain members of the Nursery, Beginners and Primary department of the Lutheran Sunday School at a Christmas party in the State theatre today at 1 30 p m

Boyertown Classified

Deaths 1

MILLER—In New Hanover on Tuesday Dec 23 1947 William H husband of Hannah B (Fryer) Miller aged 82 years Relatives and friends are invited to the services from Schwenk Funeral Home 124 W Philadelphia A e, Boyertown Pa on Saturday at 2 p m Interment in Falkner Swamp cemetery Friends may call Friday evening 7 to 9 (Schwenk)

Card of Thanks 2

RENNINGER

We wish to thank relatives neighbors, and friends for their many acts of kindness for sympathy extended, and for the many beautiful floral tributes at the funeral of Jennie E Renninger The FAMILY.

Notice 7-A

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DEATHS — FUNERALS

WILLIAM H. MILLER, retired farmer 82 husband of Hannah B (Fryer) Miller, died yesterday at the home of his son, Austin W. Miller, NEW HANOVER (GILBERTSVILLE RD 1) following an illness of eight months.

He was a lifelong resident of New Hanover township He was the son of the late Henry and Mary (Koch) Miller. He was a member of New Hanover Council No 975 Fraternal Patriotic Americans, and Falkner Swamp Reformed church.

Besides his widow and the son, there survive a granddaughter, Beulah wife of Charles Heinly, and one sister, Mrs Mamie Gaugler, all of New Hanover.

Funeral services will be held from a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue on Saturday at 2 p m The Rev William H Solly will officiate Interment will be in Falkner Swamp cemetery.

Funeral services for JENNIE E (BERTOLET) RENNINGER, widow of the late William H Renninger of near SHANESVILLE (BOYERTOWN RD 1), were held yesterday at 1 30 p m from a funeral home at 124 West Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown Continued services were held in St Joseph's Hill Church, where the pastor, the Rev Luther Lee Lengel, officiated Burial was made in Hill Church cemetery.

The bearers were Lester, Donald, Abraham, and Ronald Renninger, Leon Sittler and Albert Leslie.

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Churches Plan Candlelight Services To Open Christmas Holiday Tomorrow

Christmas day 1947 in Boyertown will be ushered in with two early morning dawn services tomorrow in local churches.

The program in Church of the Good Shepherd, Evangelical and Reformed, will be in the form of a candle-lighting service. It will be preceded by an organ recital at 3 45 a m.

Christmas recordings will be played from the church tower of St John's Evangelical Lutheran church at 5 a m tomorrow, followed by music from a brass choir at 5 30 a m, an organ prelude at 5 45 a m, and the annual dawn service at 6 a m The brass choir is made up of John R Sullivan Lester Weiss, Harold Landis, Jacob A Longacre, and David W Longacre

The Lutheran dawn program follows: organ prelude, "Christmas Pastorale" and "Gesu Bambino"; choral prelude, "Break Forth. O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (Bach); processional hymn; "Fanfare for Christmas" by Chapel and Senior choirs; invocation, the Rev. David F. Longacre; hymn, first Scripture lesson Isiah 9:2-7; hymn; second Scripture lesson, St. Luke 2.1-14; hymn; sermon, "The Gift," the Rev Mr. Longacre; offeratory, "Bethlehem," (Goldsworthy), by Junior, Chapel, and Senior choirs for Lutheran home at Topton; prayer; anthem, "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah (Handel), by Chapel and Senior choirs; benediction; recessional hymn; and organ postlude.

The annual program by the Young Peoples and Adult Bible classes will be held tomorrow at 7 30 p. m. in St John's Lutheran church The opening exercises will be conducted by Franklin H Gottshall, Adult class president and following the hymn, Gloria Patri, and prayer, the combined Sunday school orchestra under Robert Hartman, director, will play a selection.

J. Frank Elsass will play three cornet solos, accompanied by Mrs Luther H Schmoyer. He will play "There's a Song In the Air" (Speaks) "O Holy Night" (Adams); and "Alleluia" (Anonymous). The Rev Mr Longacre will deliver the Christmas message. The offering received at this program will also be used for the Lutheran home at Topton.

Store clerks, ragged from the hectic buying of the past few weeks, will find their first real respite tomorrow, since places of business will be closed for the day The lobby of the post office will be open as usual but there will be no window service. The borough office in Town Hall will be closed as will both banks Busses to and from Allentown, Reading, and Pottstown will operate on Sunday schedule.

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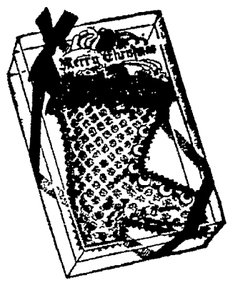

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High School Notes

The Christmas squeeze on the pocketbooks of high school students was reflected in yesterday's purchases of United States Savings stamps and bonds when the total bought fell to $31 05, from an average of more than $60 for the past few weeks.

Mrs Josephine B. Bierly's ninth graders continued in top position with $7 35, even nosing out the faculty who bought $7.25 worth of stamps In the student division, Winifred Y. Moyer's tenth graders were second with $5.

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The musical play, "A Christmas Carol," was attended by a capacity crowd of college students home for vacation and townspeople, who packed the balcony in the auditorium yesterday to see the annual Christmas program.

Harold Weiss, as Ebenezer Scrooge, won high acclaim for his portrayal of the role of the old gentleman who made the expression, "Bah, Humbug," famous Choral and dance numbers were executed by groups of girls known as sprites and bells Ida M Reinert, supervisor of vocal music, was in charge of production.

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The giant 6x20-foot banner bearing the title, "The Spotlight is on Boyertown," is now hanging on the front of the high school building, as workmen prepare the gymnasium, library, halls, and auditorium for the manufacturers' exhibit, scheduled for Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. Brooke M. Levengood, local electrician is erecting outdoor lighting which will make the building look like Hollywood on a premier night.

WRITER'S SON DIES

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Sergei Tolstoy, elder son of the late Count Leo Tolstoy, the Russian writer, died Monday night in Moscow, the Moscow radio said tonight.

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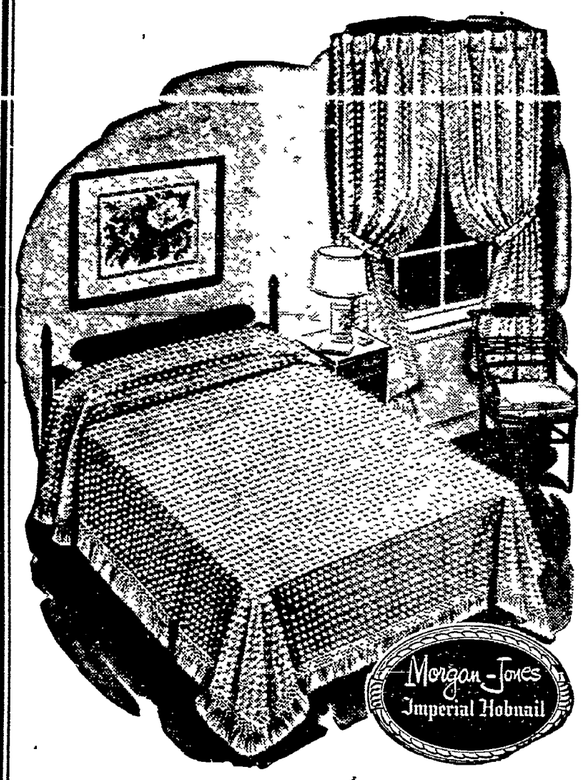

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Little Darling, in Heavy Syrup Whole Sweet Potatoes ..... No. 3 Can 19c
Mrs. Schlorer's Sweet Pickles ..... 16 oz. Jar 33c
Cremo Marshmallow ..... 24 oz. Jar 21c
Lummis Salted Peanuts ..... 8 oz. Vac. 29c
Jack & Jill Gelatine ..... 3 pkgs. 25c
Strawberry — Cherry — Raspberry Diamond Mayette Walnuts ..... 1 lb. 45c
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Song Writer Passes; Wrote Two Hit Tunes

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—A. Seymour Brown, 65, real estate broker and song writer, died yesterday at his home. Brown's "Oh You Beautiful Doll" and "If You Talk in Your Sleep Don't Mention My Name" date back to World War I.

FORMAL WEAR For All Occasions For Rent or Sale MORRIS MILLER 311 High St.

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Panhandler Is Arrested At High and Franklin

James Doyle, 47, no address, picked the wrong place for panhandling last night.

Patrolman Robert Scheidt watched him for a while at High and Franklin street. When Doyle asked a one-legged Army veteran for a dime, and the vet gave it to him, that was too much for Scheidt and off to jail went Doyle.

Dolye, who said he has no home, was also charged with being drunk.

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256 HIGH STREET

DALGLEISH HOME —

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snow that's merely cotton sheets, sprinkled with iridescent "snow." Each house has a cheery light in it.

Piles of gaily wrapped Christmas boxes ring the "yard."

AND NANCY'S HOME!

* * *

Yes the Dalgleishs have a Christmas tree.

And Nancy's home—the happiest girl in Pottstown!

She says so herself. In words so plainly uttered that it's hard to believe only gibberish fell from those lips a few months ago.

A miracle has been wrought in the Dalgleish home. A miracle wrought by the generosity of thousands of persons from the Pottstown area, who generously gave of their Christmas dollars to bring good cheer to Pottstown's most deserving case.

More than $6000 has been contributed to "Nancy's Christmas Fund" by the kind hearted persons who proved Pottstown has a heart. To be exact, $6235 52, as of this morning. All will go toward making Nancy a whole girl.

* * *

Nancy is home for the holidays. She may remain away from her Philadelphia clinic for ten days.

Nancy walks without aid. Her movements are jerky, it's true, but she can dress herself and soon she'll

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Do unsightly irritating pimples torment you through itching? Get quick relief with cooling MEDREX OINTMENT today First applications of wonderful soothing medicated MEDREX OINTMENT will bring you quick relief, or your money back. MEDREX OINTMENT is blended scientifically from eight tested ingredients and will promptly relieve the torturing itching and burning from externally caused pimples, eczema, acne, scales, scabies and other itch troubles. Get a jar of genuine flesh colored, greaseless MEDREX OINTMENT today

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HOSPITALS —

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variety of ailments, willing to enjoy Pottstown hospital-ity.

Most Pottstonians take the hospital's holiday spirit for granted because they've seen it for a number of years. But not A. C. Seawell, Pottstown hospital administrator, who came from Texas about a year ago.

"I find a great deal more interest in Christmas here than in Texas, and the spirit of giving much more prominent," he said. He added that he was doubly impressed by the fact that donations of time and money from residents are totally unsolicited. "This," he said, "seems to don't want it any other way."

The chapel of Henry the VII in Westminster Abbey is regarded the finest example in England of Tudor Gothic.

feed herself. Then doctors say she'll become self-supporting!

All because Pottstown gave so generously.

Those balls on the Dalgleish Christmas tree somehow look like big, red hearts through tears that well in the visitor's eye. Big, red hearts.

The hearts of Pottstown!

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Our hearts are filled with song and happiness on this glorious day when He was born. May the coming year be a good one for all.

We are particularly happy at this time to express our sincere thanks to those people who have given us the opportunity to serve them during the past year.

In 1948, it shall continue to be our policy to render the best service possible at reasonable cost.

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St. Peter's

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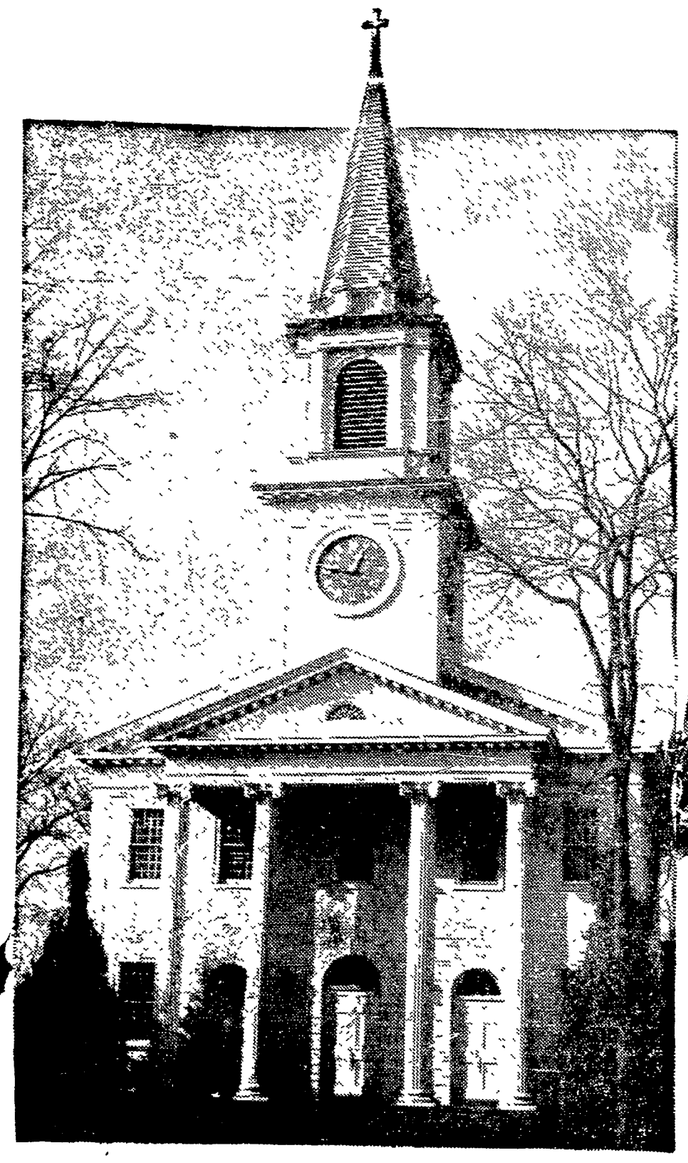

A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that make a Christmas merry . . . but the simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector. With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

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Hauling
1009 Beech St.

Harvey T. Buckwalter
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West Chester Pike

Mary Gofus
Beauty Shop
374 High St.

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213 N. Hanover St.

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Cedarville

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East Greenville, Pa.

Hanley's Taxi
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Mary Ellen Gilbert, Prop.

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A joyous holiday to one and all. Our hearts are overbrimming with happy thoughts for you and yours. Merry Christmas.

PAUL'S BOOTERY

315 High St.

AT THIS FESTIVE SEASON

May we express to you our appreciation of the cordial relations between us and extend best wishes for a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR

Minter's Marble & Granite Works

Fourth and Hanover Streets

The glory that is Christmas will ring out from every Church steeple, and in our good wishes are echoed the beauty and spirit of brotherhood of the season.

MILTON'S

Pottstown's Children's Store

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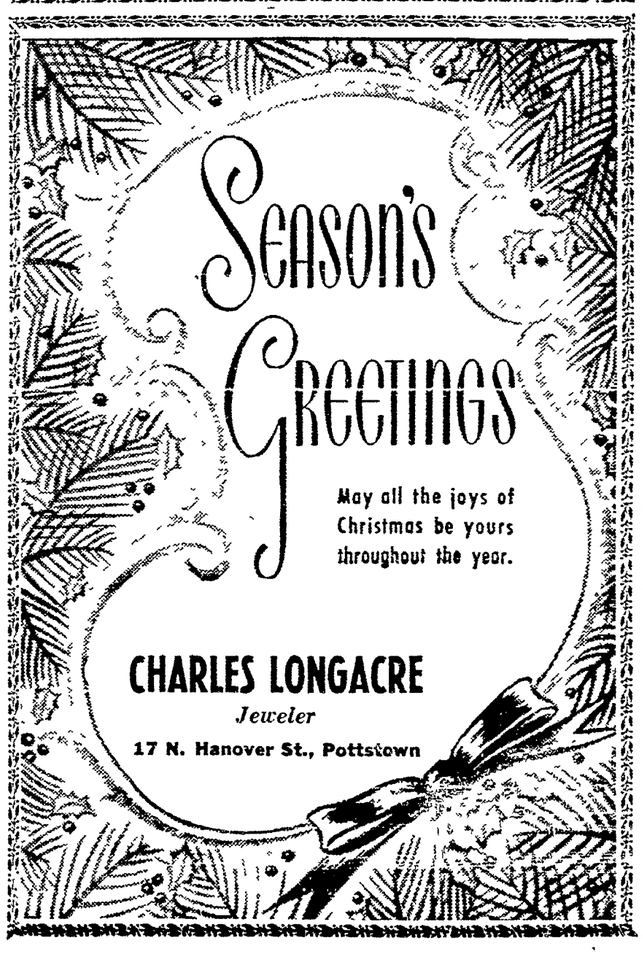

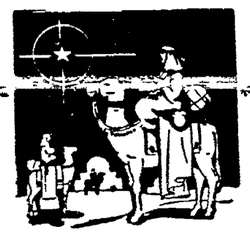

God Grant You Staunch Courage in the Present;
Abiding Faith in the Future;
HAPPINESS TODAY AND ALWAYS!

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and STAFF

of the

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Victor F. Patterson, General Secretary

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and the best of good wishes for the New Year

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Here's to a Cup of Christmas merriment and New Year promise for you and your loved ones.

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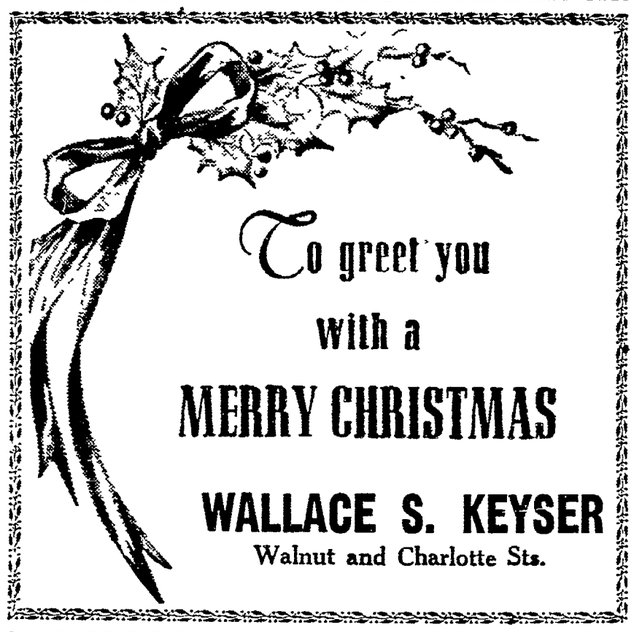

To greet you with a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WALLACE S. KEYSER

Walnut and Charlotte Sts.

My fondest wish at this merry Christmastide is that I could knock at the door of each fine Pottstown citizen to wish him the happiest of Yuletide greetings.

Since that is impossible, I take this means of thanking all good citizens for their cooperation during the past twelve months and to wish them a

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

William A. Griffith,
Burgess of Pottstown

CHRISTMAS CHEER

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To many friends throughout the County of Montgomery.

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SANATOGA

Best Wishes

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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Merry Christmas to All

May your Yuletide be enjoyed with good cheer, good health and good friends.

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No matter how we try to say it, we find the old-fashioned way is the best. A very Merry Christmas to one and all.

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PERSONALIZED SERVICE

258 Beech Street

To all our friends—far and near—we wish the season's best. Good health, happiness and a year of prosperity.

WELSH'S GENERAL STORE

Douglassville

We wish for you all the good things you desire for a happy Christmas season.

KARMELKORN SHOP

21 N. Penn St.

OUR WISH TO YOU for a HAPPY HOLIDAY

BARNDT'S AUTO SERVICE

Swamp Pike and Layfield Road, New Hanover

Loads of Christmas cheer, happiness and joy are our wishes to one and all this glorious Yuletide season.

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We hope that the laughter that sounds through your home this Christmas is echoed throughout the entire New Year.

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Christmas Operetta Staged in School At Colebrookdale

A Dutch Christmas tale in a two act operetta was presented last night by the pupils of Colebrookdale Consolidated school under the direction of Mrs. Esther Stouffer, principal.

The title was "Old Cross Patch" with David Erb as reader. Between acts, a vocal solo was sung by Kenneth Stouffer; Joanne Fritz played an accordion solo and also served as pianist; Albert Mauger recited several Christmas selections, and Rowan Fritz played a trumpet solo

Pupils participating in the operetta were Nancy Scheetz, Sherwood Schock, Phyllis Schaeffer, Gail Neiman, Darryl Sits, Joanne Fritz, June Mauger Samuel Hanna, George Neiman and George Shirey.

Choruses from each grade also sang during the operetta.

Refreshments were served following the musical by Mrs Mary Tretheway and Mrs. Stoufter.

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For the Dog's Christmas
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Discharged: Mrs. Muriel Kenyon, Royersford, maternity; Mrs. Alice Penrose, 331 South Hanover street, maternity; Walter Kosciolek, Philadelphia, medical; Joseph Rooney, Philadelphia, medical; Kenneth Kehler, Pottstown RD 4, surgical; Karl Creasy, Pottstown RD 1, medical; Jeremiah Hine, Douglassville, surgical; Gail Weiler, 326 Beech street, medical; Delilah Reese, Lancaster, surgical; Laura Baker, 1050 Queen street, surgical.

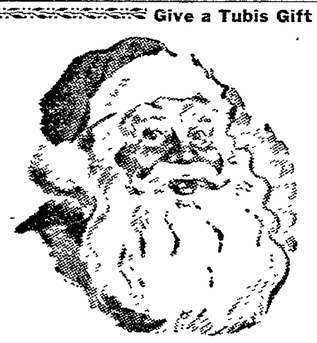
MEMORIAL

Admitted: Ronald Lee Eagle, Douglassville, medical; Jeane Schurr Douglassville RD 1, surgical; Melvin Schurr, Douglassville RD 1 surgical; Barbara Jane Hartenstine, Elverson RD 1, surgical.

Discharged: Mrs. Hedwig Toepel, Royersford, surgical; Mrs. Alma Krassowski, Douglassville, surgical; Frank Antonnucci, Stowe, medical; Pasquale Jacketti, Stowe, medical; LeRoy Banks, Pottstown RD 4, surgical.

Buttermilk may be used interchangeably with sour milk—if it is not too old—in most recipes.

Give a Tubis Gift Certificate



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HIPPODRODME LAST DAY!

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At Our GALA XMAS EVE MIDNITE JAMBOREE!
PREVIEW SHOWING — 2 MERRY, MERRY HITS!
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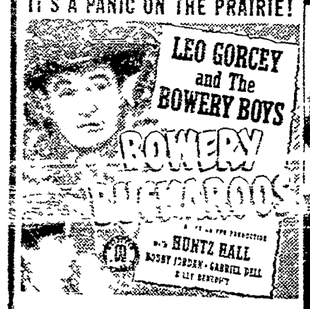

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Woman's Page

CLUB NEWS

WEDDINGS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

Today

Jill Millard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Millard, 171 Sheridan street.

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Virginia Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Harold Linton, 262 Manatawny street.

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Marie Sneddon, daughter of Mrs. Martha Sneddon, 366 North Charlotte street.

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Janet Weand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weand, 429 Lincoln avenue.

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Barbara Goswellin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Clarence Goswellin, 506 King street.

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Nancy Nyman daughter of Mr. and Mrs Isaac Nyman, Douglassville RD 2

* * *

Sherman Robinson, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Robinson, 128 Warren street.

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Arlene Louise Cummins, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Harry H. Cummins, 895 Queen street.

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Doris Lorraine Burk, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Burk, 1154 Center avenue.

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John Stolar Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stolar, 520 Lincoln avenue, aged one year.

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Mary Henry, 116 King street, aged 21 years.

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Herbert W. Stauffer, Sr., 7 West High street, Stowe.

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Mrs. Charles Reigner, New Hanover.

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Paul C. Evans, of Hilldale.

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Ruth Wentzel, of 317 Elm street, Stowe, aged 16 years.

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Monica Ondik daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ondik, of West High and Rice streets, Stowe, aged seven years.

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Mrs. William J. Rowe, 361 Beech street.

* * *

Gordon Wampler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Wampler, of Pottstown RD 1.

* * *

Mr. Victor Fegley, of North Manatawny street.

* * *

Mrs. Dolly Fisher, 547 High street.

* * *

Shirley Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clark, 209 Howard street, Stowe, aged 10 years.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Today

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fegley, of North Manatawny street, 15 years.

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Bechtelsville Men To Wed Twin Sisters In McClure Church

Twin sisters who have been residing in Boyertown will become brides at a double wedding on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Bethel Reformed church, McClure.

They are Kathryn and Pauline M Klinger, daughters of Mr. and Mrs James Klinger, McClure The sisters have been living with another sister, Mrs. Robert L Fleming, of 23 West Second street, since their discharge from the women's reserve of the Marine corp

Pauline will become the bride of Daniel A Rohrbach, son of Mr and Mrs Aaron Rohrbach, Bechtelsville, and Kathryn will become the bride of Curtis W. Herb, son of Mr and Mrs. William Herb, of Bechtelsville.

The brides-elect were graduated from McClure High school and attended State Teachers college, Kutztown following their discharge from the service after two years

Mr. Rohrbach graduated from State Teachers college, Kutztown, and is a justice of the peace in Bechtelsville. He is also a science teacher and athletic coach at the Boyertown High school and was recently named director of audio-visual aids there A member of the Berks county curriculum revision committee Mr Rohrbach is an official delegate from Berks county to the Pennsylvania State Education association

Mr. Herb graduated from Boyertown High school and is a student at Millersville State Teachers college where he is majoring in accounting and finance He served in the army and spent several years in the European Theater of operations.

Navy Mothers Club To Hold Party Dec. 29

Mrs. Gwladys Hillpot, commander of the Navy Mothers club, announced that the Christmas party for the Navy Mothers will be held on Dec. 29 and reservations cannot be made later than Dec. 26.

The party will be held at the Blossom restaurant, and persons desiring reservations were asked to call Mrs. Arlington Freese, phone 3787-M.

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Advice to the Lovelorn

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Shocking Teen-Age Situation

AS SHOCKING a letter as I have ever received comes to me from a 15-year-old high school girl who lives in a city that shall be nameless

Brought up in an extremely inhibited home, the girl is—or was—unsophisticated to the danger point.

Highly vulnerable in her complete innocence, this teenager recently entered high school, where she found it difficult to make friends, possibly because she was so much more naive than most of those around her When some of the girls in her class invited her to a party, she was surprised and delighted. She awaited the event with keen anticipation, happy beyond words over the friendly gesture that had been made toward her.

Then the evening arrived. And before it was over, her innocence, her illusions and her emotions had been dealt a stunning blow. Shortly after the party began, it seems, the boys and girls of high school age, who were present, abruptly turned it into an orgy of sex into which she was dragged by brute force.

"When I finally got home," she writes, "I was too petrified to tell my parents what had happened My father is a very suspicious man and would have put the blame on me and thrown me out. All this happened a few months ago, and all the girls that were at the party are now home from school, pregnant I am scared, thinking that I may be getting that way, too."

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Apparently, this tragic innocent takes it for granted that because "all the other girls" have become pregnant as a result of what went on at the party, she is almost certainly doomed to the same fate, and in terror she is trying to figure out her future.

She dares not go to her family doctor because he is her uncle, "and he would surely tell my father." So the best solution she can think of is to go to her brother in another city who, she believes, "would help me if I explained the whole thing to him."

It seemed best to me, too, as I told this girl in a personal note, that if she felt she could not go directly to her parents, and had confidence in this older brother, as she evidently did, she should enlist his help in advising her.

Now this would be a horrifying enough story if it were to be taken as a single isolated experience. But it can hardly be regarded as such. For all the implications seem to be that the kind of "party" described in this girl's letter was by no means uncommon with this group of high school students. And it scarcely seems likely that this one particular group of boys and girls in this one particular high school in one single city of the United States should stand out alone, completely unique in their conduct.

It would be reassuring to think that this was so; to be able to believe that nowhere else in the country was there any group of young people so completely without any moral sense, or even any sense of decency. But I'm afraid the law of averages would not permit any such ostrich-like approach.

And so the question inevitably arises: How does it happen that such things can go on in our high schools? Is it the fault of the parents of our young people? Is the school responsible? Have Parent-Teacher Associations been asleep on their job? Has the community failed in providing its boys and girls with healthy surroundings in which to grow up?

You mothers and fathers who read this column must have some ideas on this subject. You teen-agers so many of whom write me about your problems, must have opinions of your own about it.

Won't you write and tell me what, as you see it, has gone wrong when such a shocking condition can exist, and what you think should be done about it?

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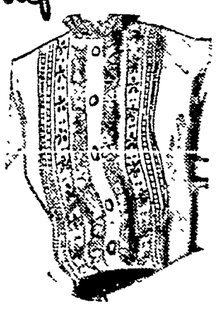

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Snyder, of 107 King street announce the birth of a daughter yesterday in Pottstown hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kern, of Lima, Ohio, announce the birth of a son, David Roy, this past Friday in Memorial hospital, Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Kern is the former Josephine Hoel daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoel, Boyertown RD 2.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Christman, of 100 River road, South Pottstown, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, and daughter, Diane are spending the Christmas holidays in Vandalia, Ill., with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson, parents of Mr Stevenson.

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Obituaries

Requiem high mass for **MARY AGNES (RAMSEY) USHER**, widow of Stephen J. Usher, **BECHTELSVILLE RD 1**, formerly of Pottstown, was celebrated yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Aloysius Catholic church.

The Rev. Bernard H. Creamers, rector of St. Columbkill's Catholic church, Boyertown, was celebrant. Other priests officiating, all from St. Aloysius Catholic church, were the Rev. David Leahy, sub-deacon, the Rev. David eLahy, sub-deacon, and in the sanctuary, the Rev. William H. McCook, rector, and the Rev. Thomas McCrossen.

Interment was made in St. Aloysius New cemetery. Bearers were Paul Usher, Andrew Usher, Adolph Wilke and Spencer Lessig.

Funeral services for **MARY (SKWIEROT) MAJKA**, widow of Albert Majka, of **POTTSTOWN RD 3**, were held yesterday morning at 8 o'clock from her home.

Requiem high mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock in St. Peter's Catholic church by the Rev. John Naja, rector Interment was made in Holy Trinity cemetery, Stowe.

Bearers were Matthew Skwierot, Michael Gentka, Harry Rusinski, Frank Majka and Joseph Majka.

ICC Grants Railroads Hike for Mail Carrying

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission today granted the railroads a 25 percent increase in pay for carrying mail.

The increase is retroactive to Feb 19, 1947, when 204 mail-carrying railroads petitioned for an increase of 45 percent.

The 25 percent increase will remain in effect until the ICC has acted finally on the 45 percent request.

The ICC held the present rates of compensation for the transportation of mail to be "not fair and reasonable."

The increase in mail revenue is estimated at $32,250,000 a year, based on the total mail revenues of $129,000,000 reported by the class 1 railroads for 1946 and at about $34,500,000 a year based on the total estimated revenue of $138,030,000 for 1947.

Some oil wells are now more than three miles deep.

Freak Accident

After Eugene O'Shea lost control of this auto, the vehicle crashed through the guard rail of a bridge on the outskirts of Los Angeles. He was saved from a fatal ducking when the front wheels of the car caught on the gasoline pipe-line which ran along the side of the bridge.

Brewing Company Receiver Named

Henry Schaffhauser, brewmaster of the Boyertown Brewing Company, Inc., was appointed receiver of the company yesterday in Berks county court by Judge Warren K. Hess and bond was fixed at $10,000. As a result, the sheriff's sale notice came down from the property.

Attorneys representing the creditors agreed unanimously that Schaffhauser was the proper man to continue the business. It was also suggested that a co-receiver be named and Sheriff Joseph R. Dickinson, who will retire from office on Jan. 5, was suggested for the position. The matter was deferred until next month.

Application for appointment of a receiver was filed by John F. Hyneman Sr., a judgment creditor for $6000. In his petition, Hyneman stated that if the receiver is not appointed, the defendant company would be faced with a multiplicity of suits and the assets would be sacrificed.

Before World War II Far East sources provided 98 percent of the world's rubber.

British Prisoners Strike Against Food Quality

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — Two hundred and twenty convicts at Britain's isolated Dartmoor prison in Devon staged a strike today in protest against poor food, the home office said tonight.

After their dinner at 2 p. m. the prisoners were ordered back to work, the home office said, "but they refused and stood fast." Then all were ordered to their cells.

"About one third obeyed," the home office said, "but the majority continued to demonstrate. Certain ring leaders were then removed by the staff. After some further delay the prison officials succeeded in getting the remaining prisoners back to their cells."

The home office said the prisoners were not violent and no one was injured An inquiry into food conditions has been ordered.

About 400 prisoners are confined in Dartmoor.

Lake Titicaca, two and one-half miles above sea level, is believed to be the highest lake in the world on which steamboats operate.

Connecticut PCA Asks Wallace to Be Candidate

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — A delegation from Connecticut met with Henry Wallace today to urge him to run for the Presidency as an independent candidate.

Yale University Law Professor Thomas I. Emerson, former OPA deputy commission and co-chairman of the Connecticut Progressive Citizens of America, headed the delegation.

Emerson said however, that the delegation was unofficial Although the board of the Connecticut PCA voted to urge Wallace to run as an independent candidate, following similar action by the national PCA, he said, final action was left to individual chapters.

Metropolitan Group Given Yule Party

Employes of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company were feted at a party yesterday by their manager, H. C Werner, in the office room.

A Christmas tree and a beautiful pastel mural, painted by Mrs. Nicholas Luchak, served as decorations.

The group exchanged gifts and also presented Miss Elizabeth Malone, the company's retired nurse, with a lounging chair.

An Edgar Bergen and Charlie McC[illegible] E. Russell Adams, Saylor Creswell and Mrs. Anna Werner, John Conwell, of Phoenixville, and William Leiser, of Spring City, presented a humorous interpretation of the life of an assistant manager of a life insurance company.

Refreshments were served to the 34 persons present. Adams, Leon Hauseman, Cresswell and Roy Holden were members of the refreshment committee.

EQUIPMENT ORDERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Pennsylvania railroad announced today it had ordered four carfloats and ten open deck lighters at a total cost of $944,900.

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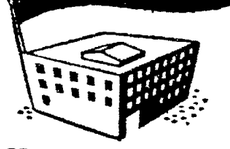

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CHURCH SERVICES —

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Beech and Grant streets at 9 o'clock. They will sing at Grant street near Lincoln avenue, Walnut and Warren street, and Washington street near Lincoln avenue.

Early tomorrow morning, the senior choir of the Transfiguration church will sing for the patients at Pottstown hospital.

A Christmas play, "The Other Wise Man," will be given by the members of the Sunday school of the New Hanover Lutheran church at 11 o'clock tonight.

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Saylor, will provide the music during the pageant, opening with a candlelight processional.

Costumes are being provided by the Young Ladies' Bible class, Mrs. William F. Lamb, chairman, and the stage settings by Wilmer Hollowbush and the Young Men's Bible class of the Sunday school.

Candle-light services will begin at 10:30 o'clock tonight in the Christ Episcopal church, and at 11 o'clock in Searles Memorial Methodist Church, St Paul's Reformed Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. James Lutheran Church, and the First Baptist Church. The First Presbyterian Church will hold its service at 11:30 o'clock.

Members of the Youth Fellowship of Searles Memorial church will sing Christmas carols in the streets following the service in their church.

Dawn services will be conducted tomorrow morning in Emmanuel and Grace Lutheran churches.

The congregation will gather in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and will hear Alton Peterman sing "The Birthday of a King," by Neidlinger, just before services begin at 6 o'clock. One hundred voices will form the choir for the service.

Special music will be featured at 6 o'clock when the Junior, Chapel and Senior choirs of the Grace church will sing church classics during the Christmas service.

"Glory to God in the Highest" will be sung by the Junior choir; "Jesu Bambino" by the Chapel choir; and a cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night" by the Senior choir.

Miss Lucille Jackson, Mrs. J. Franklin Bechtel, W. Mark Henricks, Raymond Russell and Walter Jackson will be the soloists.

A White Gift service will be held at Trinity Evangelical Congregational church at 6 o'clock. At the same time, dawn services will be held at St. John's Reformed Church, Trinity Reformed Church and the Transfiguration Lutheran church.

St. John's Lutheran church will have its service at 6:30 o'clock, while First Methodist church will hold its service at 7 o'clock.

Christmas will be celebrated at Masses in the Catholic churches. Masses at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic church will be at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 a. m., while those at St. Peter's Roman Catholic church will be at 6, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 o'clock.

At Holy Trinity Roman Catholic church, Masses will be at 5, 8:15 and 10:30 o'clock.

Trinity Reformed church will hold its traditional dawn service at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning in the church beginning with a candlelight procession of 55 members of the three choirs.

The Rev. John B. Frantz pastor, will sing "O Holy Night" for the third successive year, and will read the Nativity story.

Mrs. Minnie B. Lehr will be organist, with Vernon D. Johnson directing the choirs, and Kenneth Hoover leading a brass quartet. Decorations were prepared by Harry C. Weikel and Oliver L. Christman.

Weikel has done this job for the past 25 years.

PARDONS —

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jectors and 500 other types."

The list of those pardoned did not indicate in which class the board placed each individual.

"Of this total," the report continued, "618 were granted presidential pardons because of a year or more service with honorable discharges from the armed forces. An additional approximate 900 entered the armed forces and may become eligible for pardon upon completion of their service.

"When the board was created there were 1200 offenders in custody. Since that date, an additional 550 have been institutionalized. At the present time there are 626 in confinement, only 76 of whom were in custody on Jan. 6, 1947."

SAINT NICK —

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iliary of Maria Assunta lodge last night as 390 children stormed the lodge home for the annual Christmas party.

Jacob Sova stuffed two pillows under a Santa costume and prepared to listen to all requests, as well as distribute a box of chocolates to each youngster.

The auxiliary was called upon to mollify those frightened of Santa Claus, and to keep in line children who were over-anxious for the candy.

Another feature of the two-hour party, in charge of President Jerry Ottaviano, were three showings of Christmas films and cartoons.

TOKYO TRIAL RECESSED

TOKYO, Wednesday, Dec. 24 (AP) —The witness stand appearance of Hideki Tojo, only survivor of the three dictators who led the Axis powers in World War II, has been postponed until after a Christmas recess, Chief War Crimes Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan said today.

New Contributors To 'Nancy Fund'

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David Smith	1.00
Mrs. Annie M. Leveille	2.00
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AUTO ACCIDENTS —

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son, were Jeane Schurr, 18, Douglassville RD 1, possible concussion and fracture of the right leg; her brother, Melvin, 23, laceration over the right eye; Mrs. Thomas Hartenstine, Elverson RD 1, laceration of the forehead, and her daughter, Barbara Jane, 4, cut tongue.

Passengers said at the hospital that the car driven by Miss Schurr skidded on the slippery hill, into the car driven by Thomas Hartenstine, causing considerable damage to the fronts of both vehicles.

At 10:40 o'clock yesterday morning a car driven by Robert T. Miller, 456 North Hanover street, was struck by a truck driven by George T. Faithful, Norristown, at the intersection of King and Warren streets.

Faithful confirmed his story with one exception. In his report to Borowy, he estimated Miller's speed at 35 miles per hour.

The left front door, running board and fender of Miller's car were damaged in the collision, while Faithful lost his front bumper and damaged his right front fender.

At 12:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a truck driven by William S. Whiting, Philadelphia, crashed into the rear of a car driven by Bennie Sovizal, Sanatoga, on High street between Hanover street and the Reading concourse.

The left tail light and bumper of Sovizal's car were damaged and its trunk door was pushed in. The truck was not damaged.

No one was injured.

Three left front fenders were damaged in a crash at 5 o'clock last night on High street near Washington street. No one was injured.

Patrolman Borowy reported that Ira Ellis, South Pottstown, and Elmer J. Hausman, Boyertown RD 1, were both westbound with Ellis in the center lane and Hausman in the right lane.

Ellis said he was forced into the far side of the highway when Hausman swung toward him. Ellis' coupe struck the eastbound sedan of Edward D. Gudebrod, 17 Rosedale drive, while Hausman's sedan hit the rear of Ellis' machine.

In addition to the fenders, the rear bumper of Ellis' car was damaged.

Percy L. Krause, of 315 East Fourth street, Boyertown, was uninjured when his car skidded at the top of a slippery hill on Layfield pike, near Ringing Rocks park, and turned over on its left side into a ditch.

Krause, who was driving toward Boyertown, crawled from his car and telephoned to a Pottstown garage to have it towed away for repairs.

An estimated $500 damage was caused by a collision of two cars on Route 422 yesterday when a car driven by Mrs. Lester Edleman, 467 North Evans street, skidded on the highway just below the Reading Country club.

State police of the West Reading station reported that the accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon as Mrs. Edleman was driving west on the highway. Her car skidded in the snow, and out of control, collided with a car driven by Elizabeth Waters, Norfolk, Va.

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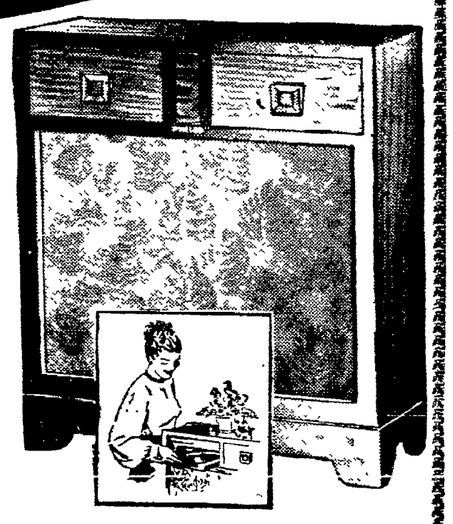

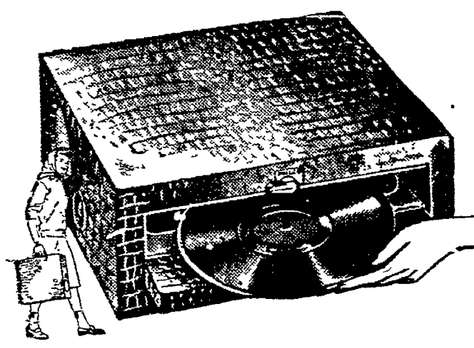

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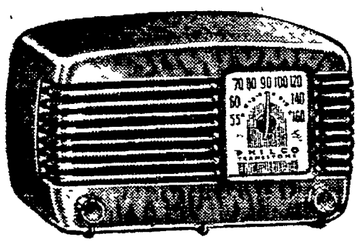

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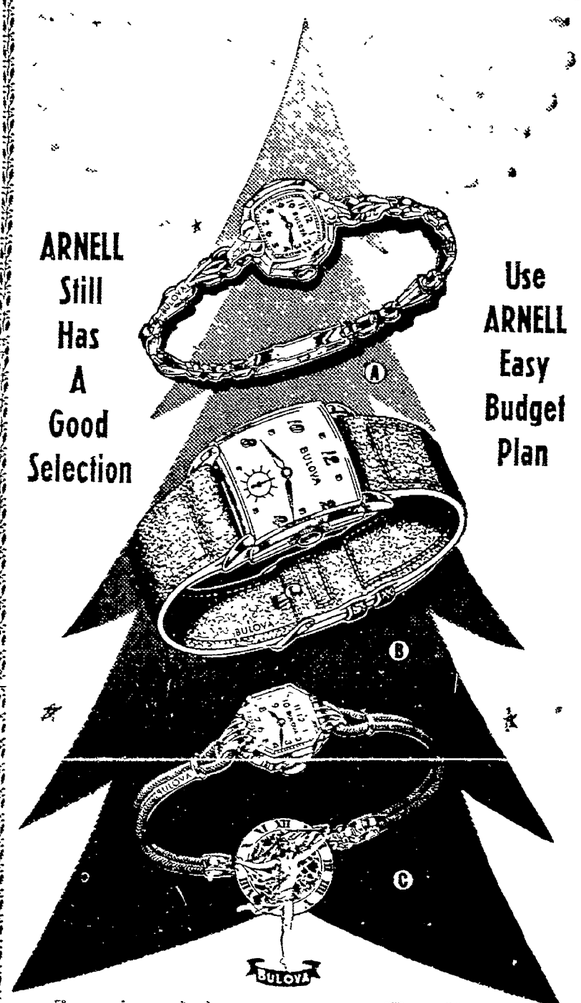

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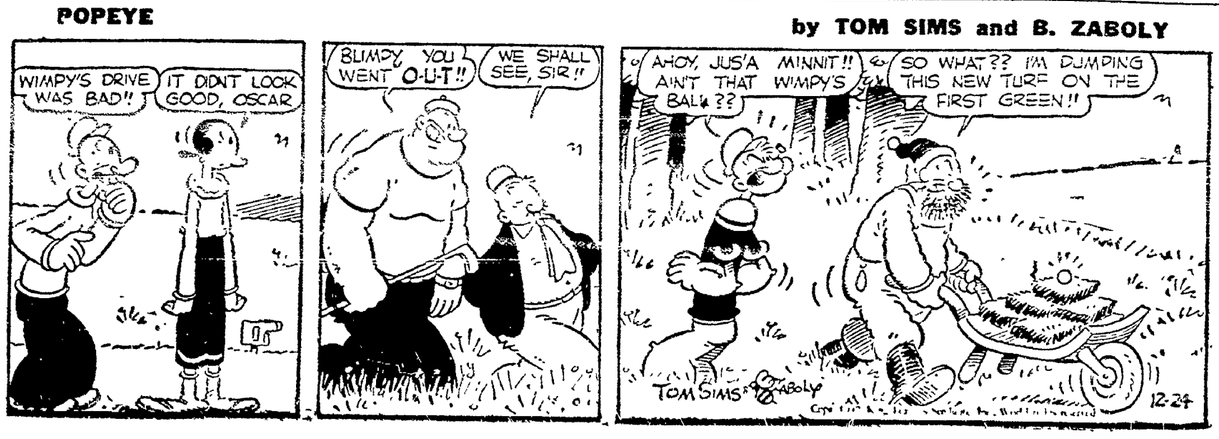

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STASSEN SURE U. S. CAN REVEAL MARKET PROFITS

Ex-Minnesota Governor Demands More Speed In Listing Speculators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen declared today that the Government could say "in 10 minutes" whether present and former office-holders, including White House officials, made speculative profits on the commodity market from inside information.

The former Minnesota governor, an active candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said in a statement that the people would insist on specific answers to five questions he posed about government "insiders" and "will not be fooled by a shower of irrelevant statistics."

He referred to a list of 711 big traders made public yesterday by Secretary of Agricultue Anderson in accordance with a congressional resolution. The names were forerunners of a group expected to total 14,000.

The only government official on the list was Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of the Army Royall. Pauley previously told the Senate appropriations committee he had something less than a million dollars invested in the commodity markets at the time he accepted the Government position the past September, but that he had not used any inside information and had liquidated nine-tenths of his holdings.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mackinnon (R-Minn) requested Secretary Anderson to release the names of "71 local, State and Federal government employes" who were represented as holding wheat futures this Fall.

MacKinnon said he wired Anderson that J. M. Miehl, of the Commodity Exchange authority, recently told a congressional committee the 71 employes on Sept. 17 held 384,000 bushels of wheat long and 131,000 short.

The Minnesotan said he believed the public is entitled to know their names at the same time that the secretary is releasing the names of large scale traders on the commodity exchanges.

"The public wants to know the names of those who might have inside information on government purchasing programs," MacKinnon told a reporter.

Greeks Disregard Premier's Orders, Query Publisher

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 23 (AP) — Contrary to Premier Themistokles Sophoulis' orders, the publisher and editor of the Liberal party newspaper, Vima, were brought before an army court martial and questioned for more than an hour today.

Earlier in the day Sophoulis ordered the ministry of war to stop questioning newspapermen who had criticised the military's release without trial of six rightists who had been arrested for carrying arms and making unauthorized investigations.

The Vima executives denied charges of creating unrest and shaking confidence in the armed forces. In a statement they said: "We repudiated the charge because we consider that we wrote was fair comment within the provisions of the law and as an obligation of ours as instruments of public opinion."

The editor, George Syriotis, said his newspaper would print tomorrow statements made by Sophoulis and Vice Premier Constantin Tsaldaris criticising the army's action in imposing a censorship against publication of any reference to the arrest of the rightists on the subsequent questioning of newspapermen.

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Victims of Hitch-Hiking Gunman

After a gun-toting hitch-hiker had virtually kidnaped them, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sarkissian, Lawrence, Mass., are shown (top) at the Andover, Mass., station with Patrolman William Stewart. They said the man, after hitching a ride, had forced them to drive him to Worcester, Mass., and then released them. Another victim of the mysterious ride-snatcher was Francis Whorley (below), who was slugged, thrown from the car and sent to a Lawrence hospital.

Aid for Three Nations Approved by Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation appropriating $522,000,000 in emergency Winter aid to France, Italy and Austria, and the State department made haste to get the program rolling.

Officials of the department said they hope to conclude individual agreements with the three nations in the next few days even if some details have to be worked out later.

The fund was contained in a $914,286,500 appropriation bill, which cleared Congress in the closing hours of the special session. The bill also provides $18,000,000 in aid for China.

Two Brewery Workers Killed in Explosion

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two brewery workers are dead tonight and two others in "grave" condition as the result of an early morning flash explosion at the American Brewing company plant.

The dead are William Schanbien, 49, and George Bahr, 46, who were burned while attempting to cut off safety valves in an ammonia compressing room after the blast. Their clothes were completely seared from their bodies, hospital attendants said.

Investigating authorities said the explosion was caused by a leaking ammonia compressor which blew up as employes were trying to reach the plant's control room to stop the machinery.

Bethlehem's Yuletide Splendor Draws Thousands of Visitors

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 23 (AP)—This city of steel and song and star blazed with its radiant message of Christmas tonight, welcoming the greatest pilgrimage of visitors ever attracted to its yule splendor.

During a single day cars from more than 30 states were counted as some 50,000 visitors poured across "hill-to-hill" bridge that spans the placid Lehigh river cutting through the center of the city.

Bethlehem's three hotels—like the historic Judean inn—have no rooms left for strangers. All space usually allotted to transients long has been filled by sightseers.

Above the city behind the campus of Lehigh university shines the Bethlehem star fashioned of more than 3000 light bulbs and standing high as an eight-story building.

Along the streets in multi-colored brilliance are thousands of Christmas lights and in the center of the city is a huge Christmas tree, made from 50 spruce trees and hung with red and green bulbs.

It was on the north side of the city by the banks of the Lehigh river that a small group of Moravians gathered 206 years ago on Christmas eve to give a name to a new hamlet in Pennsylvania.

Led by Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, they met in a candle-lit stable and gave to this place the name of the little town in Judea where Joseph and Mary could find only a manger for the Christ child.

Count Zinzendorf held a lighted candle during the ceremony to symbolize the brightness and joy of the night and rekindled faith in the story of the Christ child.

The Moravians' ancient art of candle making was passed down to the founder of the Simon Rau apothecary, one of the nation's oldest drug stores. Tonight the windows of Bethlehem homes sparkled with the brilliance of thousands of Bayberry candles made in molds used by their Moravian founders.

One of the few exceptions were the windows of Moravian college which this year abandoned the use of candles in favor of electric lights.

Throughout the city on Christmas eve the sound of music will echo from hill to hill as members of the Moravian trombone choir climb to the steeple tower of 200-year-old Moravian church to herald the birthday of Jesus Christ.

And in the candle-brightened church the traditional hymns that were sung at the first service in 1741 will ring out the tidings of great joy.

Chinese Communists Threaten Mukden

PEIPING, Dec. 23 (AP)—All gateways to Mukden were under attack today in the Communists' seventh Manchurian offensive.

Already one of two railroads to the south was cut and fighting along the other may have left it useless.

Other attacks rolled up from the north, east and west. Guerillas sweeping across the snowfields also staged harassing raids only 11 miles south of the big industrial city.

The swift rush of the Communists caused a sobering of government opinion in Peiping, which had expected a lull in the northeast because of Manchuria's fierce Winters.

Some observers were saying that "if Mukden is lost, north China will fall and then Nanking."

Others expressed belief the Communist objective is to isolate, not try to capture the sprawling city.

WORKS AT GAS STATION

DAYTON, O., Dec. 23 (AP)—Bleroit H. LaMarre, who told a Senate investigating committee Gen. Bennett E. Meyers allowed him to keep only $3000 of his $30,000-a-year salary as president of Aviation Electric company, tonight said he had begun work as a gasoline station attendant. "I need the money," LaMarre told reporters.

DOZEN PERSONS HURT BY BLASTS IN BORDER AREA

Allies Believe Yugoslavia Points to Moment Troops Leave Occupation Zone

TRIESTE, Free Territory, Dec. 23 (AP) — Tension mounted today in Trieste after 12 persons were injured in two separate bombing incidents in the past two days. The disorders occurred amid Italian - Yugoslav negotiations over the naming of a candidate for civilian governor of this free territory.

Some Allied sources suggested that the Yugoslavs probably were ready to accept an Italian or a Western power candidate to hasten the evacuation of 10,000 United States and British troops now occupying a portion of the Trieste area. These informants added, however, that the Western powers probably could not be jockeyed into a position of suggesting an acceptable candidate at this time.

Yugoslav units which also garrison a part of this free territory at the head of the Adriatic sea were said by one high Allied official to have already Communized their occupation zone.

The Committee of National Liberation for Istria (pro-Yugoslav) announced it had sent a message to the Italian cabinet urging Italians to get together with the Yugoslavs for an early selection of a governor.

Other pro-Italians promptly disassociated themselves from the Liberation committee statement.

The United Nations Security council, unable itself to agree on a nominee, decided on Dec. 18 to ask Italy and Yugoslavia to consult on the governorship question and to submit the name of a joint candidate by Jan. 5, if possible.

The Communist press has charged that the Allied (British-American) military government has been unable to halt the disorders here.

One civilian policeman and two women were injured yesterday when a bomb was thrown at a three-man patrol of Venezia Giulia police in a downtown street.

Simple Arithmetic Didn't Work Here

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23 (AP) — Mathematicians to the contrary, Postmaster Will W. Simpson ruled today that half of a three-cent stamp isn't a 1½-cent stamp.

He returned all of one woman's Christmas card mailings, explaining: "She cut three-cent stamps in two and put a half a stamp on each card."

FORGERY CHARGES OKAYED

FORT MEADE, Md., Dec. 23 (AP)—Embezzlement and forgery charges against Capt. Edward P. Kelly, now in custody at Camp Lee, Va., were approved today by General John T. Lewis, commander of the Second Army.

Meat from most sharks can be used for human food.

Hellinger Leaves Estate to Family

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP) — Mark Hellinger's will leaving most of his estate in trust for his widow and two adopted children, was filed for probate in Superior court today.

While the petition valued the estate as "exceeding $10,000," it was believed that it will exceed $250,000. The writer-producer, 44, died unexpectedly Sunday.

His widow, Mrs. Gladys Glad Hellinger, onetime Ziegfeld Follies girl, was left a trust fund providing a minimum of $500 a month. The remainder of the trust—after certain bequests—was ordered divided between his children, Mark Jr., and Gladys, both six.

Upon Mrs. Hellinger's death $10,000 from the trust fund goes to Cornell university for establishment of a scholarship.

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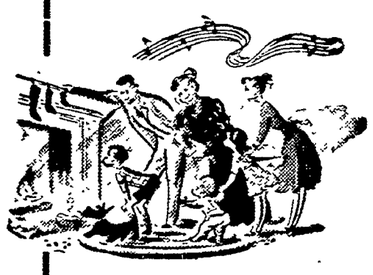

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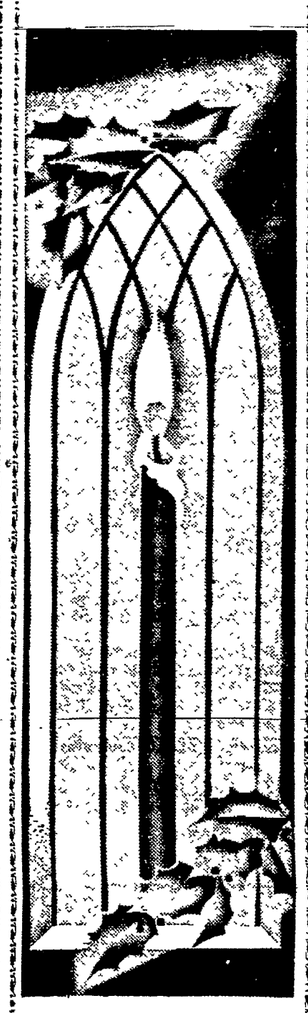

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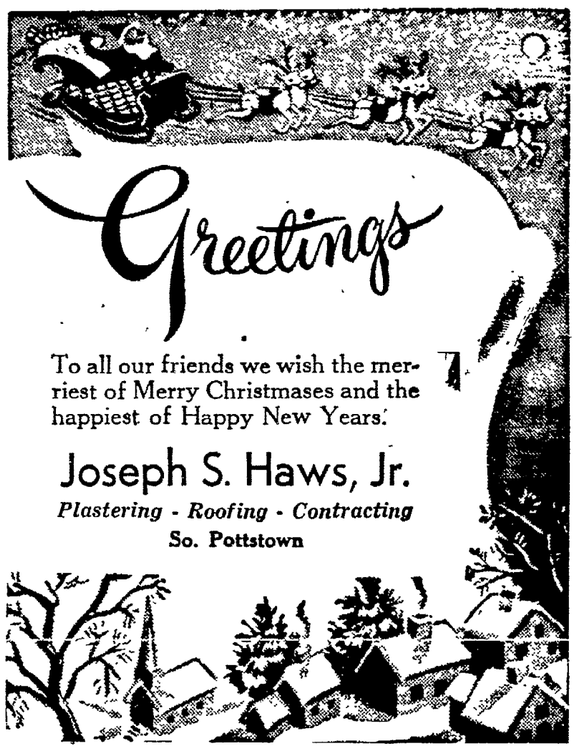

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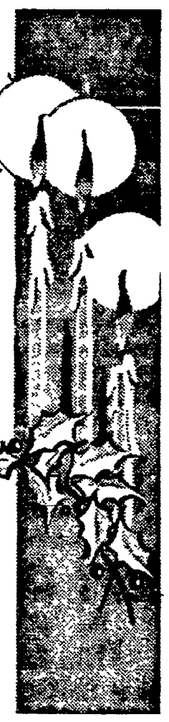

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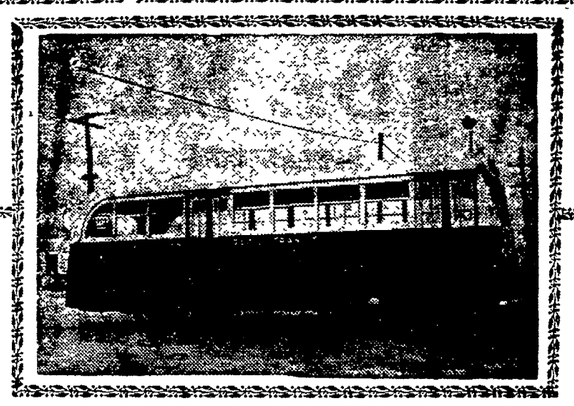

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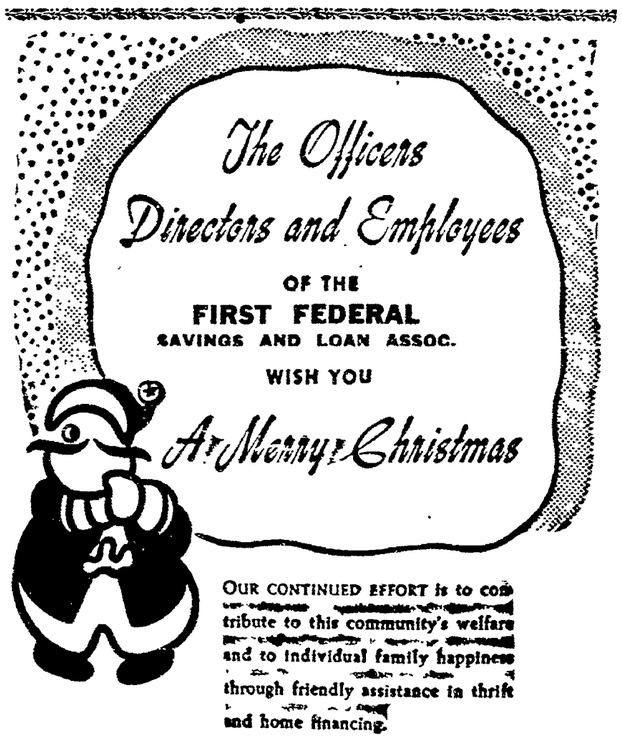

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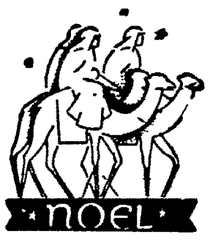

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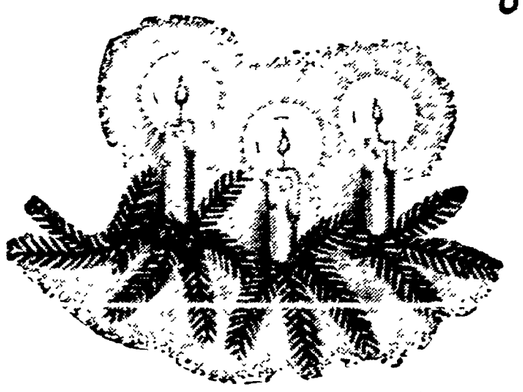

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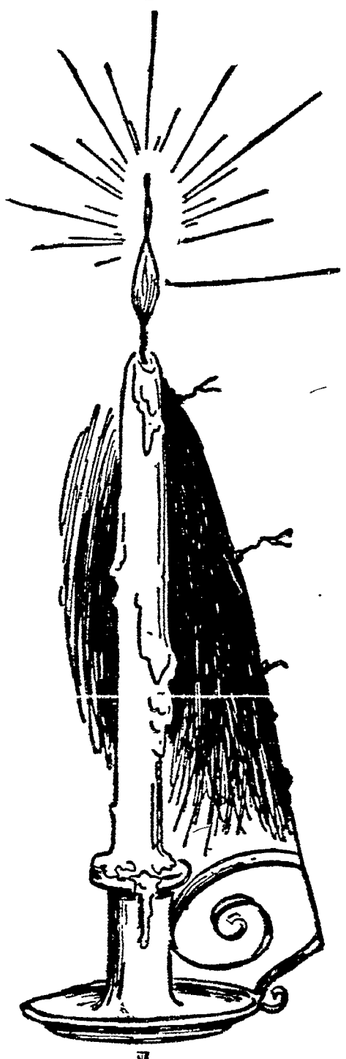

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

2 Couples to Observe Fortieth Anniversaries

Two Spring City couples will observe their 40th wedding anniversaries at their respective homes tomorrow, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Hughes, 303 Yost avenue, who were married at Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25, 1907, will pass the day quietly at their home. Mr. Hughes is assistant manager of Pottstown Automobile club of the AAA.

Mr. and Mrs. James E Williams, 618 Heckel avenue, who were united in marriage 40 years ago, will observe "Open House" at their home for their many friends. Mr. Williams and his wife, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs Frank Botts, were married at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. W F. Hottel, then pastor of Spring City Mennonite Brethren in Christ church.

MEETING POSTPONED

Because of Christmas, Vincent lodge IOOF, Spring City, will not have its weekly meeting tomorrow night.

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Warnings Issued Against Light Thieves

Prospective Christmas light bulb thieves would do well to think twice before carrying out their intentions in Royersford

Having in mind what happened the past year, and knowing of at least one instance where someone tried unsuccessfully to purloin outside lights, Burgess Ralph H. Landes has issued warning that authorities will be very severe with offenders this year Any person found guilty of stealing light bulbs, or committing similar mischief, will be prosecuted under the terms of the new disorderly conduct ordinance, which carries a heavy penalty. In the case of juveniles, the fine will be levied against the parents, the burgess warned.

Twin Boro Classified

Deaths 1

STEINMETZ—In Pottstown hospital, on Sunday, Dec 21, 1947 Josiah K husband of Martha T Steinmetz Relatives and friends are invited to the service at the Funeral Home of W D Geiser, 600 Washington St Royersford, on Wednesday at 2 p m Interment Fernwood cemetery Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 9 (Geiser)

Strayed, Lost, Found 10

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200 Children Attend AIBC Yule Social

Last night was Christmas at the American-Italian Bocce club, Royersford, when upwards of 200 children of members were guests of the clubmen at the annual Christmas party.

A Punch and Judy show and a performance by a magician were the highlights of the entertainment, but the climax was reached when Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts, including candy and oranges. Refreshments also were served. The interior of the clubhouse was elaborately arranged with Yuletide decorations, offset by a Christmas tree. Arthur Hodge was chairman of the committee which put on the affair.

Spring City Company Holds Christmas Party

Spring City Knitting company gave a Christmas party to the employes and their guests, with nearly 300 persons attending, in Friendship firehall, Royersford, last night.

Beginning with a turkey banquet, the fete also included a well-rounded program of high-class vaudeville and music by a quartet and an orchestra Edward L Gruber, general manager of the concern, served as master of ceremonies Mr. Gruber distributed Christmas gifts, including turkeys to the various departments.

The employes presented gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Gruber, Mr Gruber receiving a sterling silver cigaret case, and Mrs. Gruber, a corsage. Appropriate decorations were arranged in the social hall of the firehouse.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs Mary Glazier, 213 Main street, Royersford, has been admitted to Phoenixville hospital.

Honor Society Admits Spring City Students

It was announced last night the following members of the junior and senior classes of Spring City high school have been admitted to the National Honor society:

Seniors: Mary Ann Simons, Catherine Casner, Betty Taschner, Elizabeth Dewees, Catherine Reedy, Joan Slemmer, Janet Jones, Richard Elder, Raymond Davis, David Ashworth, James Giordano, Joseph Ross, Maurice Yeager, Warren Mauger and Wilbur Lynn.

Juniors: Mary Sellers, Edith Young, Marilyn Hyden, Edward Davis and Charles Finkbiner.

These officers were elected: Betty Taschner, president; Charles Finkbiner, vice-president; Catherine Reedy, secretary; Joan Slemmer, treasurer.

Lions Club Is Host At Christmas Party

Spring City Lions club was host to a large group of children for the first annual Christmas party for children of the elementary schools last night in the high school auditorium. Parents of the guests also attended the affair.

Walter Clevenstine, master of ceremonies, introduced an adult guest who proved to be quite popular, for it was Santa Claus who arrived with gifts for all of the kiddies. A program was presented, including motion pictures and feats of magic. Door prizes were awarded.

The committee comprised Ivan H. Shoemaker, chairman; the Rev. H. Oscar Schlessman Jr., Ivin C. Young, Wilmer Rambo, Harold Amster and Willis C. Latshaw.

FLOODS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANIERO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Suburbs of Sao Paulo and interior farm districts were flooded today by rivers swollen by recent heavy rains. Some 5000 houses were reported under water, and 40 others were destroyed.

The so-called "wailing wall" in Jerusalem is believed to be a remnant of King Solomon's temple.

Spanish Red Leader Gets Death Sentence

MADRID, Dec. 23 (AP)—Agustin Zoroa, considered to be Spain's No. 1 Communist leader, and four others have been sentenced to death and are likely to be executed soon, it was learned today.

Zoroa went on trial the past week before a military court. The principal charges against him were possession of a letter brought from general headquarters of the French Communist party, possession of explosives and direction of Communist activities in Spain as secretary-general of the party.

MINER SUFFOCATES

HAZLETON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Michael Brooks, World War I veteran from nearby Ebervale, was suffocated at 6 o'clock tonight when caught in a rush of coal in the Ebervale mines of the Jeddo Highland Coal company.

An oil spring was reported near Cuba, New York, in 1627.

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Election of Sunday school officers will be held Sunday.

Citizens of New Berlinville have erected a Christmas tree on the commons.

The Yoder sisters entertained a number of visitors over the weekend.

Mrs Elmer Gilbert, Mrs Irwin Gilbert and Mrs. Robert Henry attended a quilting party at the home of Mrs. Stanley Yoder, of Bally.

The Liberty Fire company will have a Santa Claus party on Christmas morning for the children of the members and the community

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilbert recently entertained the following at a turkey dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moser and son, La Verne, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Yoder and Miss Myrtle Gilbert.

The Christmas program on Sunday night in the Zion's Sunday school was very well attended. A beautiful pageant, "The Coming of Christ," was rendered.

HOT FOR SANTA CLAUS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP) — Santa Claus wrung the perspiration from his beard today as the mercury leaped to 78 degrees, two days before Christmas. Record high for Dec. 23 here is 84, in 1942.

YULE PACKAGES DESTROYED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP) — wrecked the mail car of the Pennsylvania railroad's Jeffersonian passenger train tonight, destroying hundreds of Christmas packages and letters.

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Roth's Cagers Fall Under Boyertown Foe, 37-31

Chandler Leads Pitchers Of American Loop in ERA

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—An ailing veteran and a surprising rookie, both from the world champion New York Yankees, topped the American league's well-jostled pitching corps on the basis of efficiency and won-lost percentage the past season

Official league averages released today listed Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler as the earned-run leader with 2.46 per nine inning game and his 25-year-old Yankee side-kick, Frank Shea as the best percentage tosser with a 14-won, 5-lost record for .806. Both are right-handers

The statistics clearly indicated that it was a "hitters' season" this year in the junior circuit which produced only one 20-game winner, Cleveland's stellar Bobby Feller (20-11), compared with five in 1946.

Chandler, hampered by arm trouble most of the campaign, grabbed the earned-run crown by working only 128 innings during which he produced a modest 9-5 won-lost record.

Ironically, Chicago's Joe Haynes fashioned a better earned-run mark of 2.42 as he toiled more innings, 182, and bagged a 14-6 record, but yielded the title to Chandler because he failed to finish ten full games minimum for official consideration

Detroit's Hal Newhouser, who a year ago matched Feller in bagging 26 wins and led the league in earned run rating with 1.94, had the most complete games, 24, but yielded the most hits, 268, as he finished with a 17-17 record and was fifth in ERA with 2.87.

Jack Kramer of St. Louis was touched for the most runs, 123, and earned markers, 110, while Phil Marchildon of Philadelphia granted the most bases on balls, 141. Reliefer Ed Klieman of Cleveland appeared in the most games, 58, during a span of only 92 innings

Philadelphia's Bill McCahan hurled his first no-hit, no-run game against Washington on Sept. 3, after Cleveland's Don Black had turned the same trick against Philadelphia on July 10.

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LOCAL QUINTET DROPS OUT OF YMCA TOURNEY

Bernhart Leads Visitors With 15 Points; Committee Reveals Mixup

Roth's basketball team had a big height advantage on the YMCA court last night, but a determined Boyertown VFW quintet had a little bigger advantage in fight and the Berks county cagers ran off with a 37-31 victory before a small throng of fans

The defeat knocked Roth's out of the running in the second annual YMCA-Christmas tournament

Roth's were scheduled to meet Central hotel of Spring City last night, but a mixup occured and the tournament committee announced that Roth's would meet Boyertown.

The affair became confusing when Brownback's quintet of Pottstown was allowed to enter the tourney in place of the Phoenixville Moose, a team that announced yesterday afternoon it would be unable to participate in the tournament. The Moose, however, brought a team to Pottstown last night.

The original schedule had Roth's meeting Central in the opener and Boyertown and Phoenixville battling in the nightcap Only one game was played last night, and Phoenixville and Brownback's have yet to see action

After last night's game, the tournament committee declined comment on the mixup and declared that a decision on the remainder of the games will be made later.

As the tournament stands at the present, four teams are still in the running for the trophies Brownback's and Phoenixville, who haven't played a game as yet, and the Pottstown Tool and Engineering company and Boyertown VFW, two teams who hold victories in the first round.

Last night's game proved to be a thriller, to players as well as fans. Throughout the first half, Boyertown kept hitting a good percentage of their shots, and just before halftime, the visitors climbed into the lead At intermission, Boyertown was in front, 23-20.

In the second half, the game turned into a wild affair, with players lying all over the floor and the ball flying wildly through the air. Had the game been played outdoors, the fans present might have taken it for a football game.

Boyertown pulled away into a big lead shortly after the second half opened and Roth's never caught the visitors With a few minutes remaining in the game, Roth's pulled to within three points of Boyertown With the score standing at 34-31, Boyertown scored three quick points to ice the decision.

Leading the visitors' attack was Bruce Bernhart, former Boyertown High cage star. The big forward tabbed five field goals and five fouls for 15 points Henry Stofko paced Roth's with 14 counters.

Roth's	G	F	P	Boyertown	G	F	P
Stofko f	4	6	14	Bernnart f	3	5	15
Martz, f	1	1	3	Albitz, f	1	1	3
Kovach, f	0	0	0	Hallman c	1	1	3
High f	0	0	0	Stitzel g	3	0	6
Trollinger c	0	0	0	Reese, g	0	0	0
Breiden'ch, c	1	0	2	Horn g	2	1	5
Reinhart g	2	1	5	Levengood,g	2	1	5
Bender, g	1	0	2				
Strom, g	2	0	4				
Tascone, g	0	1	1				
Totals	11	9	31	Totals	14	9	37

	1st	2d
Roth's	20	11—31
Bovertown	23	14—37

Coach McCabe Gives Cagers a Vacation

Bill McCabe, coach of Pottstown High's junior varsity basketball team, announced last night that the Baby Trojans will have a two-day vacation before practicing for its game with Lebanon High Jan 2 at Pottstown.

The Baby Trojans held practice sessions Monday and yesterday, but will not feel a basketball until Friday morning McCabe's charges will hold a scrimmage with Coach Gene Kauler's Golden Cubs of Pottstown Junior High Friday morning at 9 30 o'clock.

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Hamburg Wins Over Boyertown; 29-20

Kramer's Foe

When Jack Kramer, national amateur tennis champion who recently turned pro, makes his pro debut in New York Friday he will play the national pro champion, Bobby Riggs, who is seen warming up in New York for the first match.

Grid Star Wants To Leave Service

WASHINGTON, Dec 23 (AP) — Glenn Davis, former West Point football star has asked the Army for permission to leave the service.

The Department of the Army said today that his application for resignation has been submitted and is being considered by personnel officials.

Davis was graduated from the academy the past June and commissioned a second lieutenant. Under West Point regulations, he is bound to serve eight years in the Army unless released earlier. His application asks for such a release, but no reason was announced.

At Claremont, Calif, Davis was not immediately available for comment but his mother, Mrs Ralph O. Davis, said she knew nothing of her son's plan to leave the Army.

Bears Suffer 3d Straight League Defeat

Coach Bob Fleming's Bears from Boyertown High went down to their third straight defeat in the Northern division of the Berks county league last night losing to a strong Hamburg team, 29-20, at Hamburg

The defending champions controlled both backboards throughout the entire game, but the Bears managed to keep in the game After a final check, it was revealed that good foul shooting won for the Hamburg five

The hosts hit the cords for eight goals from the field, the same number of goals tabbed by the visitors. Hamburg, however, dunked 13 foul goals to Boyertown's four. The Bears missed 13 charity tosses.

Hamburg opened fast and grabbed an 11-6 lead in the first period. A nine-point outburst in the second period boosted the lead to 20-10 at intermission, and a steady offense put the home team in front by 11 points with the fourth period getting under way Boyertown managed to outscore Hamburg in the final frame, but the defending champs had done too much damage in the first three stanzas.

In the preliminary contest, Hamburg's junior varsity quintet scored an overwhelming 31-22 victory over Boyertown High's reserves.

VARSITY GAME

Boyertown	G	F	P	Hamburg	G	F	P
Hallman f	1	0	2	R Moyer, f	2	3	7
R Rothen'r,f	0	0	0	Greth f	3	1	7
Hartline f	1	3	5	Shollenb'r,f	2	4	8
Moatz, f	1	0	2	Wolfe, c	1	1	3
Neiman c	3	0	6	Yoder, g	0	0	0
Johnson c	0	0	0	Heim, g	0	4	4
J Rothen'r g	0	0	0				
Albrecht, g	0	0	0				
Smith, g	2	1	5				
Levengood, g	0	0	0				
Totals	8	4	20	Totals	8	13	29

Boyertown	6	4	5	5—20
Hamburg	11	9	6	3—29

JUNIOR VARSITY GAME

Boyertown	G	F	P.	Hamburg	G	F	P
Koons, f	2	3	7	Orrenzi, f	0	1	1
Cleaver, f	0	1	1	Yeager, f	2	0	4
Houck, c	0	1	1	Delong, f	1	0	2
Swavely, g	0	0	0	Snyder c	4	3	11
Miller g	3	1	7	Greth, g	1	1	3
Eddinger, g	2	0	4	J Moyer g	4	1	9
Nester, g	1	0	2	Hassena'er,g	0	1	11
Rothenb'er,g	0	0	0				
Totals	8	6	22	Totals	12	7	31

Boyertown	4	3	9	6—22
Hamburg	7	10	3	11—31

Liberty Vets Lose, 33-21, to Diamond Glass

Striking fast in the first period for a 14-0 lead, the Diamond Glass company five of Royersford scored an easy 33-21 victory over the Liberty Vets of Spring City Monday night in a Royersford Community league game at Royersford.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Central hotel of Royersford rallied for 11 points in the fourth quarter to take a 33-30 decision from the Reformed church Reformed had taken an 8-0 advantage in the first frame, but Central came back to tie the score at halftime, 12-12.

Vets	G	F	P	Diamond	G.	F	P
Clemens f	3	1	7	Mock f	0	0	0
Rambo, f	4	0	8	Hunsb'ger,f	1	0	2
DiGu.se'pe,c	1	0	2	Gauger, c	3	0	6
Gobie g	0	2	2	Ludwick g	2	0	4
White g	1	0	2	Hubert, g	2	0	4
				Mungin f	2	2	6
				Pennyp'er,f	2	2	6
				Emery g	1	1	3
				Wien, f	1	0	2
Totals	9	3	21	Totals	14	5	33

Vets	0	11	6	4—21
Diamond	14	7	9	3—33

Reformed	G	F	P	Central	G	F	P
Miller, f	4	0	8	Clark f	1	1	3
McDermott,f	3	2	8	Craft f	0	0	0
Batten c	0	0	0	Anderson, c	7	2	16
Bartzer g	3	1	7	Willever, g	4	0	8
James g	2	1	5	Kirchhof, g	2	0	4
Reed f	0	0	0	Sload f	0	0	0
Bender f	0	0	0	Moore g	1	0	2
Ochs g	0	0	0	Donohue c	0	0	0
Peoples g	1	0	2				
Totals	13	4	30	Totals	15	3	33

Reformed	8	4	15	3—30
Central	0	12	10	11—33

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Pennsburg's Bulldogs Drop 29-19 Decision to Warwick

Grabbing an early, 7-4 first period advantage Warwick High school rolled to a 29-19 victory over Pennsburg High school last night at Pennsburg.

The winners held a 15-10 halftime lead and the game was still anybody's contest after three periods with Warwick holding a 19-13 margin

Tallying 10 points in the final stanza, Warwick turned the game into a one-sided affair and thus made it a clean sweep for the night. The junior varsity nipped the Pennsburg seconds, 17-16 by scoring seven points in the final period while limiting the opposition to a single marker.

Warwick	G	F	P	Pennsburg	G	F	P
Pegg'er f	1	1	3	Yerger f	1	3	5
McAfee f	1	0	2	Lechner, f	0	0	0
Buod f	0	0	0	Eschach, f	0	0	0
Baver, c	5	1	11	Buck, c	1	1	3
Wynn, c	2	2	6	Underf'er,c	0	0	0
Steitz g	1	1	3	Gernart g	1	2	4
Erb g	0	0	0	Scnliener,g	2	1	5
Skiles, g	1	2	4	Nolfe, g	1	0	2
J.Painter c	0	0	0	Kline, g	0	0	0
G Painter, c	0	0	0				
Totals	11	7	29	Totals	6	7	19

Warwick	7	8	4	10—29
Pennsburg	4	6	3	6—19

Referee — Remley Timer — Houck. Scorer—Gable.

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Michigan State	61	Indiana	60
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Purdue	60	Washington	50
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Notre Dame	51	Kansas	49
Duquesne	65	Utah State	43
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Wyoming	50	Rice	48

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MORNING

Hour	KYW NBC 1060 K	WCAU CBS 1210 K	WFIL ABC 560 K	WIP MBS 610 K
6 .00	Morning Salute:	Jamboree	Songs of Plains	Dawn Patrol
.15	News	Jamboree	Jack Day Sings	News, Music
.30	R. D. 1060	Rural Digest,	Farmers Mark't:	Dawn Patrol
.45	Ted Steele	Amos Kirby	Zeke Manners	News
7 .00	Musical Clock	News: Weather	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
.15	News: Music	Bugle Call;	LeRoy Miller	Comedy
.30	Musical Clock	Music	News: Weather	News: Mac
.45	Musical Clock	J. Raleigh News	LeRoy Miller	McGuire
8 .00	Musical Clock	Bugle Call;	Musical Clock	Mac McGuire
.15	" "	Music	" "	News
.30	" "	"	" "	Mac
.45	" "	"	Morning Extra	McGuire
9 .00	Ruth Welles	Winner Take All	Breakfast Club	News; Mac
.15	" "	" "	" "	McGuire
.30	Xmas Carols	At Home with	" "	Chatter Bar
.45	Morning Variet's	the Gaineys	" "	Lest We Forget
10 .00	Fred Waring	Let's Have Fun	My True Story	Keys to Hap'ness
.15	" "	Gladys Webster	True Story	News
.30	Road of Life	Evelyn Winters	Betty Crocker	Easy Aces
.45	Joyce Jordan	David Harum	Listening Post	Songs fr'm Stage
11 .00	Nora Drake	Arthur Godfrey	Breakfast	Kitchen Kapers
.15	Katie's Daught'r	"	in Hollywood	Tiny Ruffner
.30	Jack Berch	Creigh'n Stewart	Galen Drake	Heart's Desire
.45	Lora Lawton	Rosemary	Ted Malone	Heart's Desire

AFTERNOON

Hour	KYW	WCAU	WFIL	WIP
12 .00	Gabe Millerand	W. Warren; News	Welcome	Kate Smith
.15	Lunchtimers	Aunt Jenny	Travelers	Vic H. Lindlahr
.30	"	Helen Trent	Sleepy Hollow	News
.45	News; Folksongs	Our Gal Sunday	Mil Spooner	Xmas Party
1 .00	Melody Magic	Big Sister	Rhythm Show	Charlie Spivak
.15	" "	Ma Perkins	Music	Little Show
.30	Varieties	Dr. Malone	Anice Ives; News	Serenade
.45	Musical Variety	Guiding Light	Farm Reports	Do Re Mi
2 .00	Today's Children	'nd Mrs. Burton	Bantam Band	Queen for
.15	Woman in White	Perry Mason	"Messiah"	a Day
.30	Holly Sloane	Spotlight Show	Bride & Groom	Martin Block
.45	Light of World	Rose of Dreams	" " "	Show
3 .00	Life Beautiful	Double or	Ladies Be Seated	Studio Party
.15	Ma Perkins	Nothing	" " "	Milton Starr
.30	Pepper Young	House Party	Paul Whiteman	Stranger's Song
.45	Rt to Happiness	" "	Club	News; Melodies
4 .00	Backstage Wife	Hint Hunt;	Paul Whiteman	Melody Matinee
.15	Stella Dallas	Band	Club	Xmas Music
.30	Lorenzo Jones	C. Stewart	The Music Goes	Keys to Hap'ness
.45	Widder Brown	Lullaby Time	'Round; News	Memory Lane
5 .00	Lighting White	Lighting White	Lighting White	Lighting White
.15	House Tree	House Tree	House Tree	House Tree
.30	Just Plain Bill	Blue Music	Jack Armstrong	Capt. Midnight
.45	David Farrall	Lum 'n Abner	" " "	Tom Mix

EVENING

Hour	KYW	WCAU	WFIL	WIP
6 .00	News; Talk	J Reeves news	Magic Lady	6 P. M. Extra
.15	H. Robert, Sports	Sports: Weather	Bing Crosby	Johnson Family
.30	Bob Elson	Peter Donald	Moorehead	Sports: News
.45	Three Star Extra	Lowell Thomas	N. Black orch.	Uncle Wip
7 .00	Supper Club	Mystery of Week	Melody	Unseen Advisor
.15	News	J. Smith Show	Fair; News	News
.30	Hollywood	"Club 15"	The Lone Ranger	Arthur Gaeth
.45	Theatre	Edw. R. Murrow	Cowboy Drama	Inside of Sports
8 .00	Dennis Day	American	"A Christmas	Musi-Quis
.15	" "	Melody Hour	Carol"	" "
.30	Great	Dr. Christian	Vox Pop	Quiet Please;
.45	Gildersleeve	News (8:55)	" "	Billy Rose
9 .00	Duffy's Tavern	Morgan, Ameche	Abbott and	Gabriel Heatter
.15	" "	& Langford	Costello	Music
.30	Mr. District	Sweeney and	Jack Paar Show	Yuletide
.45	Attorney	March	" " "	Greetings
10 .00	The Big Story	The Whistler	Bing Crosby	Chicago
.15	" " "	" "	" "	Philharmonic
.30	Jimmy Durante	Symphonette	Henry	News
.45	" "	"	Morgan	Night Serenade
11 .00	News; Caravan	News Analysis	11 O'clock News	Come and Dance
.15	Caravan	Powers Gouraud	Dreamland	" " "
.30	"	Philadelphia on	Express	" " "
.45	"	Xmas Eve	Xmas in Phila.	" " "
12 p.m.	News; Anthony	Utah Symphony	Sports and News	Bandwagon

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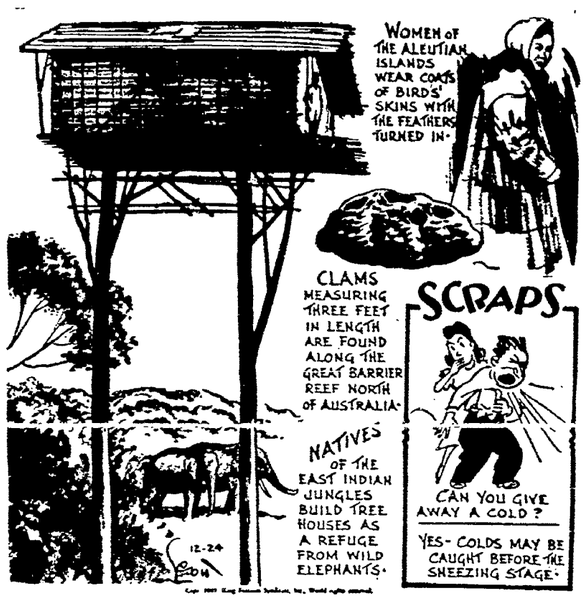

ROOM and BOARD by Gene Ahern

The Old Home Town by Stanley

Two Free on Bail Following Hearing

Two area men were released under $500 bail Monday night after a hearing — a Pottstown man on charges of driving while drunk and without a license, and a Royersford man on charges of permitting an unlicensed, intoxicated man to drive his coupe.

Motor Patrolman Thomas A. Lawler told Justice of the Peace Raymond C. Kelley, Second ward, that the pair were arrested early Saturday morning after a five block chase on Beech and then Washington street.

Lawler testified that John J. Ciesiekio, 28, Royersford, the owner, said after the arrest that he let Albert Freeman, 41, of 557 Washington Hill road, drive his coupe to satisfy Freeman's ego.

On advice of their attorney, W. H. Rosenberry Jr., Norristown, neither defendant testified. Rosenberry said he was undecided whether his clients would plead guilty or stand trial in Norristown.

There was a short delay after the hearing, while Freeman called the friends who posted bail. Freeman explained that he thought, "Maybe we'd get it all cleared up here."

Sailors to Celebrate Christmas Day Twice

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (AP)—Sailors aboard the Navy oiler Ashtabula are going to celebrate Christmas twice this year.

They will be west of the international dateline for the first Christmas and will have turkey. Then they pass on east right into a second Christmas Day. It will be steak for dinner this time.

GETS CUSTOMS BERTH

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—George S. Peffall, a veteran of more than 30 years service in the Philadelphia customs service, today was appointed acting collector of customs of the Port of Philadelphia.

Tot Mashes Finger While Rescuing Cat

Skippy Peterman, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peterman, road A, Hilldale, landed in the hospital Monday for being kind to animals.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Skippy and his puppy were playing in the street when the puppy ran a kitten to earth in a sewer pipe.

Skippy decided that was no place for a kitten.

Finding a street lid leading into the pipe, he lifted it and rescued the bedraggled kitty.

But as he was returning the heavy lid to its place it slipped and fell on his right index finger, mashing it.

His parents rushed the tot to Memorial hospital where he was treated for a split finger.

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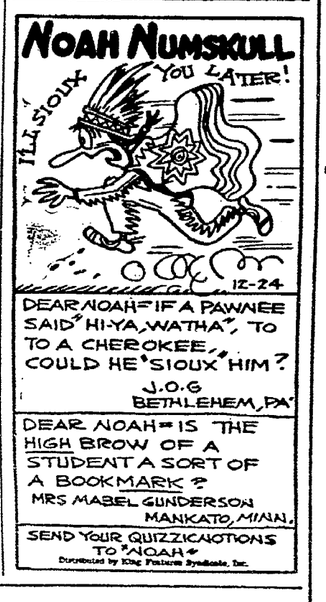

SALLY'S SALLIES

"Mother wants to live down here. She's troubled with insomnia."

TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Flower
6. Shaft of a feather (Zool.)
11. Debate
12. Incendiarism
13. Hair on horses' necks
14. Pondered
15. Walk heavily and slowly
16. Befoul
17. Small enclosed fortification
21. Malt beverage
23. Nobleman
24. Leave
26. Jewish month
28. Twin
30. Aloft
31. Little island
33. Old times (archaic)
34. Covered with bread crumbs
36. A nobleman (Norse hist.)
38. Mature
41. Foreign
43. Kind of parrot
44. Minister's home (Scot.)
45. Custom
46. Seaport (Fr.)
47. Takes out (print.)

DOWN
1. Moist
2. Inland sea (Asia)
3. Disregards intentionally
4. A kind of leather
5. Affirmative reply
6. Man's nickname
7. Decay
8. A thing of value
9. American author (poss.)
10. Concludes
18. Thick
19. On account (abbr.)
20. Incited
21. Father of the gods (Babyl.)
22. Saucy language (slang)
24. Jellify
25. Ancient
27. Stuffy, as a room
29. Of medicine
32. Music note
34. Juice for pickles
35. Rub out
36. An upright side of a doorway
37. Like a wing
39. One side of a book's leaf
40. Female sheep
42. Snare
43. Moist earth

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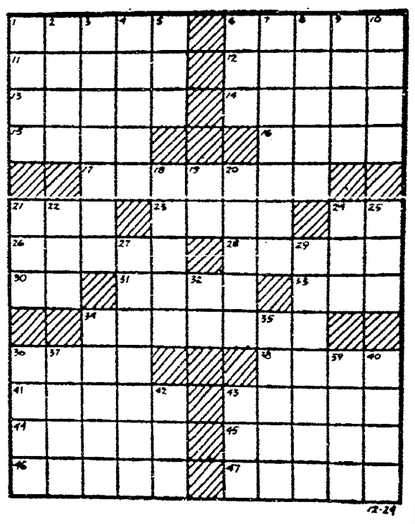
Yesterday's Answer



CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

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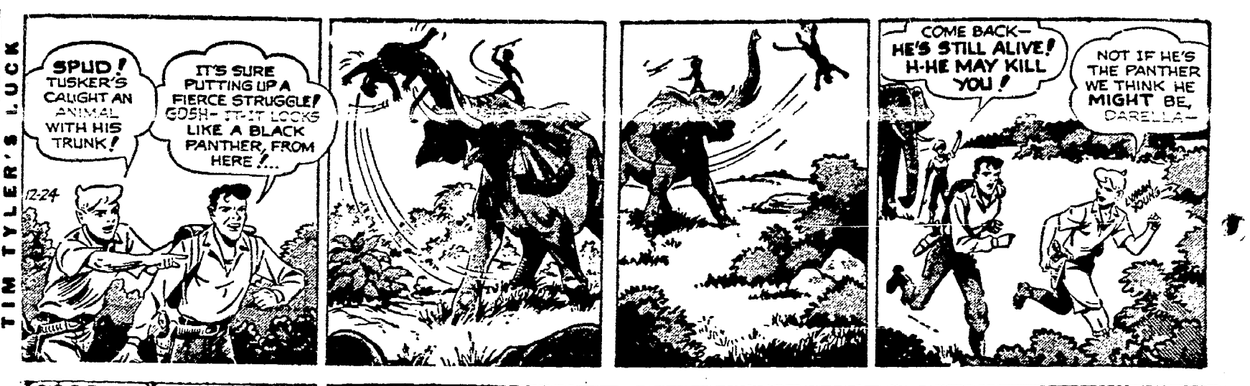

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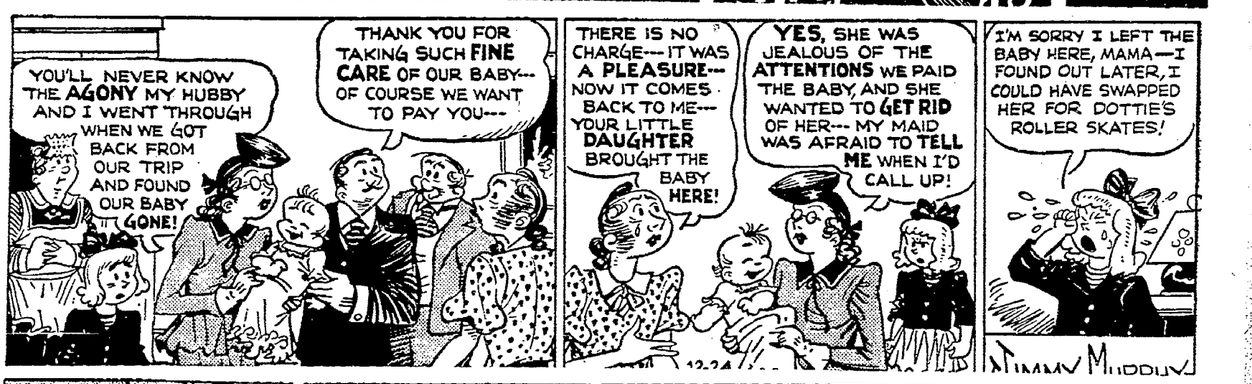

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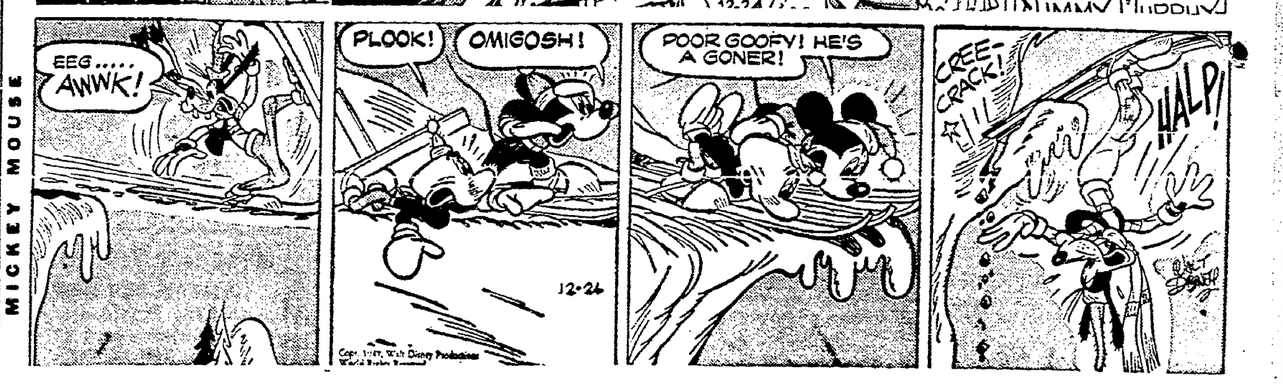
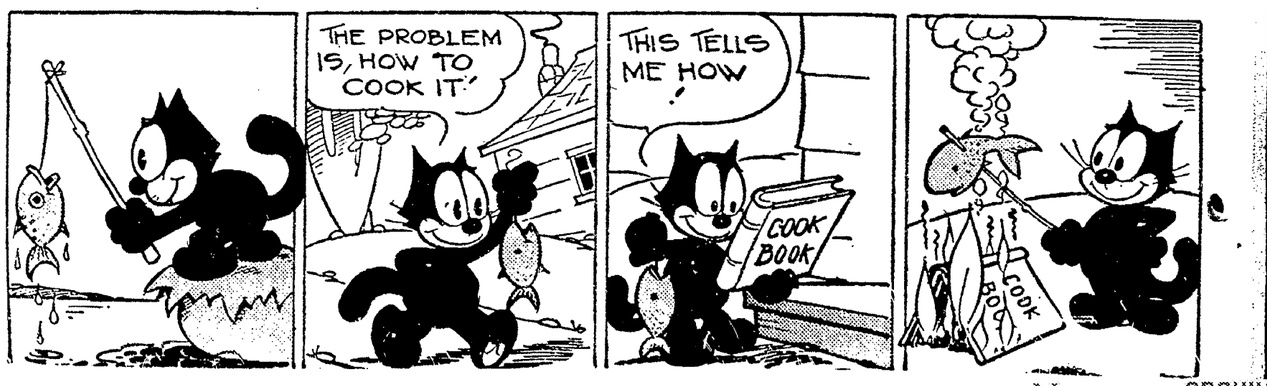


FELIX THE CAT



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths 1

REIFSNEIDER—On Friday, Dec. 19, 1947, Frederick S., of 92 Second Ave., Collegeville, husband of Estella Reifsneider, aged 59 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services on Wednesday at 2 p. m., at Charles J. Franks' Funeral Home, Trappe. Interment Pottstown West End cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday 7 to 9. (Franks)

SNELL—On Sunday, Dec 21, 1947 Elmer E., husband of Elizabeth (nee Gottshall) Snell, aged 86 years. Relatives and friends and members of Loyal Order of Moose, are invited to the services from Houck's Funeral Home, 112 N. Washington St., Pottstown, on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 10 a m. Interment in Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. Friends may call Tuesday evening 7 to 8:30. (Houck)

Card of Thanks 2

MAJKA

The family of the late Mary (Skwierot) Majka wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness and sympathy, floral tributes, spiritual bouquets, and use of cars offered during their recent bereavement.

Monuments—Cemetery Lots 6

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Personals 7

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Farmer's Market

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LANCASTER LIVESTOCK

LANCASTER, Dec. 23 (AP)—Cattle 342 Yards well cleared at steady prices Calves 244. Light supply and steady. Hogs 34. Trading slow. Prices steady with yesterday's advance. Sheep 50. No lambs available.

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Blinded Vet Home Again for Yule Visit; Anxious to Quit Hospital, Re-Enter School

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—"Chet" Perkins came home today to a Christmas tree he will not see because a land mine explosion during the battle of the bulge in January 1945 left him bereft of sight.

The explosion not only took the eyesight but also disfigured the face of 22-year-old Corp. Chester R. Perkins, who, a year ago, wrote: "Dear Santa, if God chooses, let me find beneath my Christmas tree two bright shiny blue eyes brimming over with good health and true vision."

The letter, widely published, brought him at least 5000 letters, some of them offering a cornea for transplanting, a futile gesture, for doctors at the Valley Forge Veterans hospital in Phoenixville, Pa., have explained his eyes were damaged too greatly for such an operation to be successful.

But Chet was home for his second Christmas and as he climbed from a train here his father, Adolphus Perkins, and his 13-year-old sister, Carol Ann, were on hand to greet him.

Carol Ann grabbed him about the waist and his father, a thin, hardy looking little man, grasped his hands, into one of which Chet thrust a coin, saying: "Here, dad, will you pay the porter?"

The corporal's wife, Janet, to whom he was married shortly after he entered military service, was not on hand to greet him.

"She works," Chet explained, "and it's pretty hard to get off now, you know."

Chet hopes to be home "for good" in not too long a time.

In four to six months, he said, surgeons hope to refashion a nose from the remnants of one left by the mine explosion.

He wants to get back home and attend Butler university here to complete the education which the war interrupted.

Father and sister guided the blinded veteran from the station to a waiting car as a Christmas carol came from a loud speaker in the vaulted roof of the Union station.

Boy Drowns in Pond As Thin Ice Collapses

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 23 (AP)—A seven-year old boy drowned and his nine-year old sister was rescued by three neighbors after plunging through thin ice on a pond in Awbury park, Germantown.

The boy was identified at Germantown hospital as Francis Bowers and his sister as Betty Jane Bowers. Philip Prodoehl, a fireman, plunged into the cold water to recover Francis after three neighbors, had waded into the pond up to their necks.

At the hospital the boy was placed in an oxygen tent, still unconscious, but he died about an hour after the accident.

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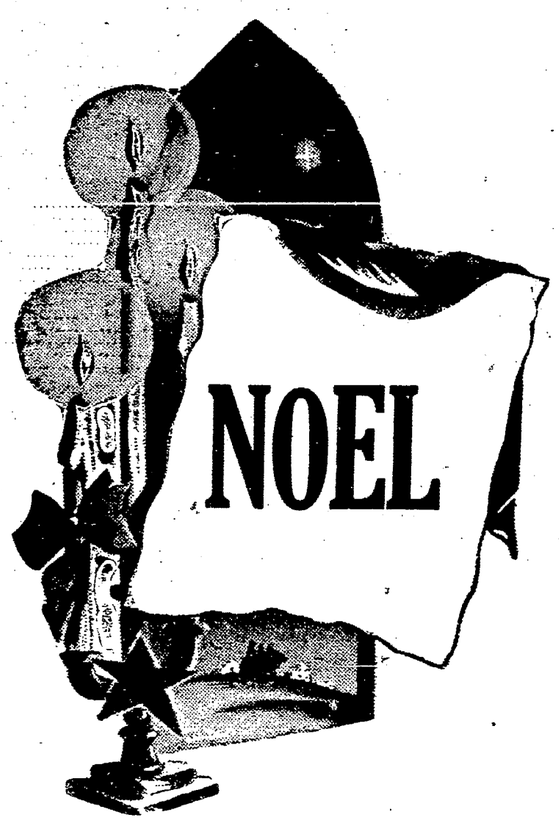

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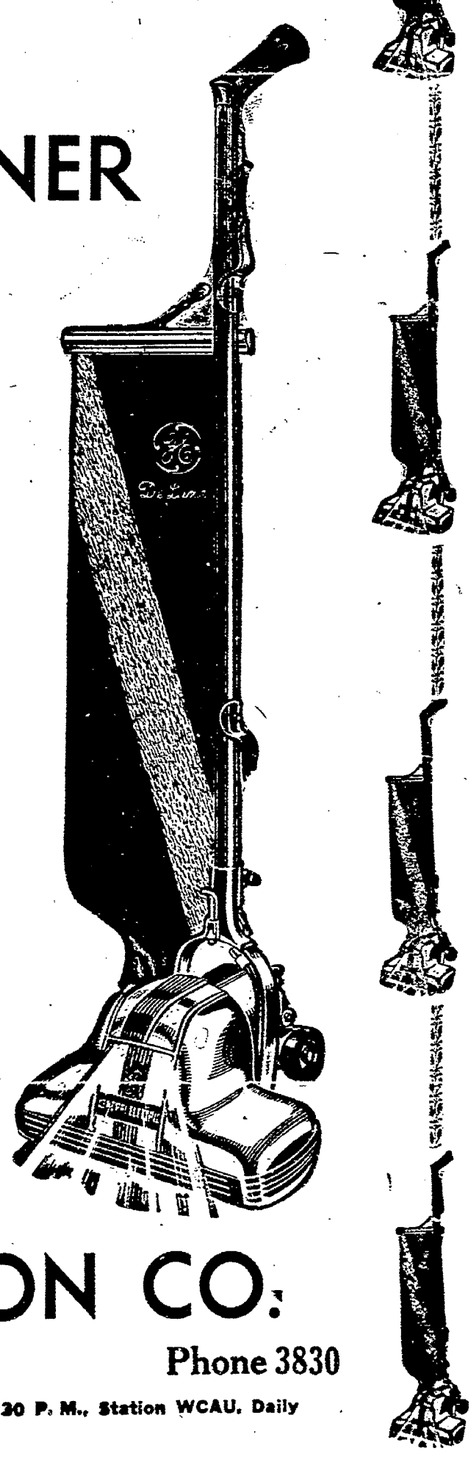

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